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CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

MAYO TOHDON

A YOUNG GIRL PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN. LOST HER OLDER BROTHER MAYO IN THE FIGHT WITH RIRUKA. THE ZOMBIE THAT SHE SUMMONS IS, AS OF YET, UNKNOWN.

REIKO HIMEZONO

AGE: 17. OCCUPATION: ZOMBIE SHOP. A ZOMBIE SHOP IS A NECROMANCER WHO EARNS A LIVING BY WAKING THE DEAD SO THEY MAY SPEAK TO THE LIVING. IN ORDER TO THWART HER TWIN-SISTER RIRUKA'S AMBITION, REIKO AND THE OTHER SUMMONERS STORMED RIRUKA'S STRONGHOLD . . .

YUKI TOHDON (DECEASED)

MAYO'S OLDER BROTHER. HIS ENEMIES MANIPULATED HIM INTO MURDERING HIS FRIEND RUDOH. THEN THEY DOUBLE-CROSSED YUKI AND KILLED HIM.

SAKI YURIKAWA (UNDEAD)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BRUTAL DEATHS OF TWENTY-NINE YOUNG GIRLS IN A STRING OF BRUTAL SLAYINGS IN THE TOWN OF SHINAIKE. KILLED IN BATTLE AGAINST REIKO, WHO THEN RESURRECTED AND MADE A FAITHFUL ZOMBIE OUT OF HER.

RUDOH (DECEASED) MISHIMA

KILLED BY HIS FRIEND YUKI WHILE IN BATTLE AGAINST RIRUKA'S SERVANTS.

RIRUKA HIMEZONO

REIKO'S OLDER TWIN SISTER. SCHEMING TO TURN THE WORLD INTO HER OWN EMPIRE OF ZOMBIES, SHE WISHES TO DESTROY REIKO AND HER BAND OF ROGUE SUMMONERS.

THE STORY SO FAR:

REIKO WAS REVIVED AND IMMEDIATELY TAKEN IN CHARGE BY THE SERIAL KILLER SAKI YURIKAWA. HOWEVER, GETTING WIND OF RIRUKA'S EVIL PLOT, SHE "BORROWED" THE BODY OF ANOTHER AND RETURNED TO LIFE. RIRUKA'S PLAN IS SIMPLE: POPULATE THE EARTH WITH THE UNDEAD TO CREATE AN EMPIRE OF ZOMBIES. IN ORDER TO THWART RIRUKA'S PLANS, REIKO AND A GANG OF ROGUE SUMMONERS ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE RIRUKA'S STRONGHOLD, WHERE BOTH RUDOH AND YUKI WERE KILLED . . .

JASMINE

OCCUPATION: MERCENARY.
EMPLOYED BY REIKO, SHE JOINED THE GROUP OF ROGUE SUMMONERS AND ASSAULTED RIRUKA'S STRONGHOLD. THE ZOMBIE SHE SUMMONS IS A WEAPONS DEALER.

ACT 13

STOP IT!!

LET ME GO!!

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I'M GOING TO STAY WITH MY BROTHER!! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!!

MAYO, YOU CAN'T STAY HERE! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!!

MY WHEELCHAIR'S BEEN BURNED, AND YUKI WON'T BE ABLE TO CARRY ME OUT OF HERE...

...SO I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF PAIN I'M IN, REIKO!! GO AWAY!!

GASHI

AH!

MAYO-CHAN...

LISTEN TO ME.

MAYO, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO LOSE YOU, TOO, SO...

...I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE.

AND AFTER THAT, I'M GOING TO HEAD DEEPER INTO THE MANSION TO STOP RIRUKA.

MY PURPOSE HERE HAS NOW CHANGED A LITTLE.

TO STOP RIRUKA'S PLOT OF GLOBAL DOMINATION.

BUT...

SHIVER

SHIVER

SHIVER

SHIVER

NOW I HAVE A REASON TO BE AS COLD-BLOODED AS MY ENEMY.

IT'S ABOUT VEN-GEANCE NOW.

RIRUKA'S MANSION THIRD FLOOR

GYA-HAHAHAHAHA!!

THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD

RE-RE-IKO...

DON'T DIE... 'KAY?

UNTIL RIRUKA IS DEAD, THAT IS *NOT* AN OPTION FOR ME.

UHYAAAA-AAAA!!

I'M GONNA TEAR YOU TO SHREDS AND DEVOUR YOUR FLESH, MY LITTLE JASMINE!

GYAHAHAHA!!

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

I AM ARTIFICIAL BEING ZERO-EIGHT!! I WAS MADE SOLELY TO DEVOUR THOSE WHO WOULD INTRUDE ON THIS MANSION...

...AND AM OBEDIENT TO RIRUKA'S EVERY WHIM!!

RICH... WITH SOME SENSE OF TASTE AND CHARACTER!

AN ANGLOPHILE WHO LIKED BRITISH INTERIOR DECOR AND FURNITURE!

AND THINGS LIKE A FIREPLACE ARE PROOF THAT, RATHER THAN HAVE RATIONAL, JUSTIFIABLE STUFF, THE OWNER WAS INTO TRADITION AND FORMALITY IN THEIR TASTES!

SLASH

WHOA!!

I'M SURE THAT RIRUKA BUTCHERED THE ORIGINAL OWNER!

I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT KIND OF PERSON THAT OWNER WAS, THOUGH!!

OUCH

OUCH

SWOOP!

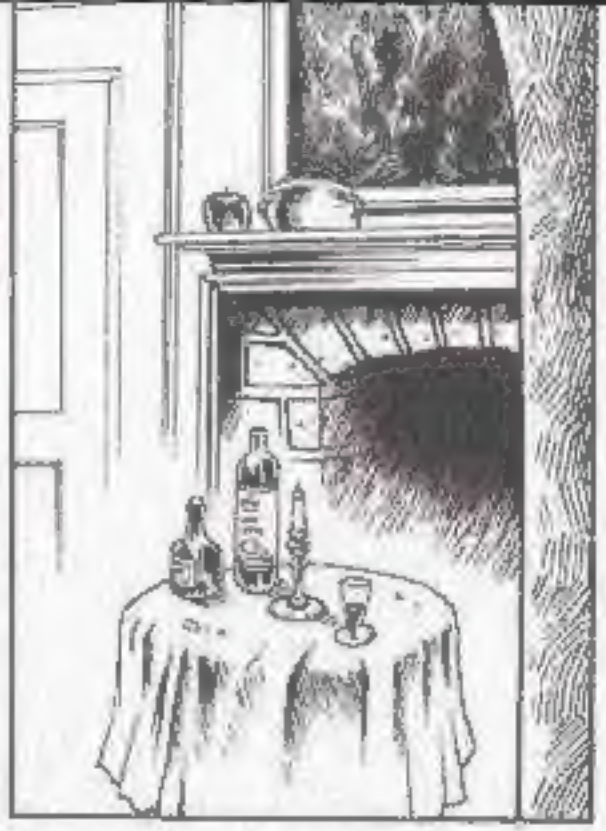
STOP RIGHT THERE, JASMINE!!

THERE SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE ROOMS HERE, TOO!!

WHICH MEANS...!!

DOKA

AH!



THIS MANSION MUST HAVE HAD ANOTHER OWNER BEFORE RIRUKA!!

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, THIS PLACE...

BUT THE "OWNER," RIRUKA, IS REIKO'S TWIN, SO SHE'S ONLY SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD. SO...

...LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN AROUND FOR AT LEAST HALF A CENTURY!!

NOOO!

ARE YOU DEAF OR SOMETHING!?

I'M JUST SLOWING HER DOWN!

SHE INSTANTLY REPAIRS HERSELF IF I SLASH OR STAB HER! DAMN!!

KEE-YA AAHH!!

WHAM

...NUCLEAR WARHEAD OR ..

YOU ARE *REALLY* PISSING ME OFF!!

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO RUN AROUND PLAYING CAT-AND-MOUSE WITH YOU!

HURRY UP AND LET ME EAT YOU SO I CAN SHIT YOU OUT!!

BUT THE ONLY WEAPONS I GOT 'RE SWORDS AND AXES.. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN--

I'M REALLY GONNA NEED A BOMB OR SOMETHING TO TAKE THIS BITCH OUT!

RISE, MY ZOMBIE! VICTORY KATANA!!

GO

Boo

THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?!

MEKI MEKI

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

HURRY UP AND HAND ME THOSE!!

ZOMBIE NAME VICTORY KATANA VICTORY KATANA, A "COMBAT CADDY" RAKOS ITS MASTER, SASMIKE, WEAPONS. NEVER ACTUALLY FIGHTS ON ITS OWN VOLITION

YOU MAY CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON.

CAT CLAWS

YOUR PRIMITIVE WEAPONS CAN DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO ME!

IF YOU WANT TO STOP OLD ZERO-EIGHT, YOU'LL HAVE TO USE A...

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED!

K-K-KE-HE

IT IS A LITTLE ITCHY WHEN MY WOUNDS HEAL UP, BUT..

..RECENTLY I'VE COME TO FIND THAT ITCHING PLEASURABLE. ♥

EVEN I DON'T KNOW HOW MY BODY IS CONSTITUTED.

BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY I WAS MADE!

BECAUSE OF MY DETERMINATION AND UNSTOPPABLE VITALITY, I WILL DESTROY YOU, JASMINE!

AND AFTER I DO, RIRUKA WILL PRAISE ME FOR MY EFFORTS!!

SWASH!!

KA-

KER-THUD

PHUFF

PHUFF

MY GOD, YOU JUST DON'T GIVE UP, DO YOU?

YOU THINK YOU CAN EVEN GET *NEAR* A HOTTIE LIKE ME? WHATEVER!

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

EAT THIS!

WHAT THE !?

WAHHHHH!!

THUD THUD THUD THUD

I'M GONNA DEVOUR YOU!

..YOU MADE ME B TE MY TONGUE..

OH, YOU.

... !!

A DEAD END!? NOT NOW!!

YAAAARGH!!

RUNNING AROUND AIMLESSLY, EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW THE LAYOUT!!

YOU'VE PAINTED YOURSELF INTO A CORNER!!

CRASH!!

THERE *MUST* BE A WAY TO STOP THAT MONSTER.

DI—

KYAAAAAH!!

KI-CHOR

--E

THUNK

SWOOP

THAT BITCH-ASS BEAST ZERO-EIGHT!!

SMASH

I'M GONNA STOP HER!!

I DROPPED DOWN ONE FLOOR, SO THAT SHOULD BUY ME SOME TIME!!

IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST A MINUTE FOR ZERO-EIGHT TO COME DOWN THE STAIRS!! SO, WHILE SHE'S BUSY, I'LL JUST--

SMAP!

CRASH

WHOAAAA!!

THIS IS GONNA MAKE ME LOOK SO WEAK!!

DAMN IT! WHAT THE HELL AM I RUNNING FOR?!

GABA

AND I MADE DINNER OUT OF ALL OF THEM!!

PERHAPS YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST TO ENTER THIS MANSION AND ATTEMPT TO STOP RIRUKA FROM FULFILLING HER DESIRES!!

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVENTEEN OTHERS BESIDES YOU!!

GUU GUU GUU GUU GUU

..THEN FEAST ON THE COLD STEEL OF MY A--

F YOU'RE REALLY THAT HUNGRY...

WHAT THE HELL YOU TRYING TO SAY, ASSFACE?!

KYU

SHE TOOK OFF TO THE FIRST FLOOR!

SHIT!!

WHERE ARE YOU, MY LITTLE JASMINE?!

C'MON, DON'T BE A POOR SPORT! GET OUT HERE RIGHT NOW, CRETIN!

THERE'S

THERE'S NO WAY YOU!!

HI THERE!
HARLEM STOUT

REALIZING THAT THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAD DISTINCTLY BRITISH TASTES, I KNEW THAT THERE MUST BE A MINI-PUB in ONE OF THESE ROOMS...
.. WITH A TON OF ALCOHOL IN IT.
I KNEW THERE'D BE ONE -- A PRIVATE BAR!!
THEY SAY THAT WITHIN THE UPPER ECHELONS OF BRITISH SOCIETY, ANYONE WHO WAS ANYONE HAD A PLACE LIKE THIS IN THEIR HOUSE.

PLEASE!! DON'T MESS WITH ME. I'VE PUT UP WITH ALL THE BULLSHIT I'M GONNA TAKE. I'VE PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE TO GET THIS FAR!!

ALL THE ALCOHOL IN HERE IS WORTH AT LEAST 20 OR 30 MILLION YEN!!* YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MAD RIRUKA WILL BE WITH ME IF SOMETHING HAPPENS?

GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!! WE'RE GONNA FINISH THIS IN THE HALL!!

J-JUST STOP RIGHT THERE!!

*ABOUT $200,000 TO $300,000.

UGYAAAAAAA!!

FWOOSH!!

FWOOSH!!

SO, IT'D BE WASTEFUL OF ME...

BESIDES, I HAD TO TEAR UP MY FAVORITE HEADBAND IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS!!

...NOT TO GET THE MOST BANG FOR MY BUCK!!

GISHAAA

HAVE ANOTHER! MY TREAT!

OOPS!!

BUT THAT PETTY AMOUNT OF HEAT IS ONLY ENOUGH TO SINGE MY SKIN!!

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR RESOURCEFUL IDEA OF USING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AGAINST ME!!

SMASH!!

SMASH!!

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? IT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

LOOKS LIKE YOUR WELL-THOUGHT-OUT STRATEGY WAS POINTLESS!! *HYA-HAHAHA!!*

I'M GONNA SQUASH YOU LIKE A GRAPE!!

THE SECOND THAT LAST ONE HIT THE GROUND, YOU'D ALREADY LOST!!

THE ONLY REASON I WAS HOLDING THOSE COCKTAILS WAS TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION HERE. .

THAT BOOZE ON THE FLOOR IS PRETTY MUCH JUST A FUSE!

AND LOOKY WHERE IT'S HEADED..

..AWAY FROM THE ALCOHOL THAT I SPREAD ALL OVER THE FLOOR...

..AND USED THE MOLOTOV TO IGNITE!!

FWHOOOSH

WOOAAAA!!

GLUG GLUG

FWOOSH

AS IF!!

...

AHA?

TOO BAD, JASMINE!! HYA-HAHAHA!!

WE'LL JUST PUT A HOLE IN THE FLOOR TO STOP THAT ONE!!

DRIP DRIP

"...WAS A 380 YEN HAIR BAND."

"HER CAUSE OF DEATH..."

"HERE LIES ARTIFICIAL BEING ZERO-EIGHT

KA-BOOM

SHAE

SHE BUCKED

SHAE

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FWOOSH

FLIP

IT'S BEEN, WHAT, FORTY MINUTES SINCE WE GOT HERE? I WONDER IF REIKO'S OKAY

I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW NASTY I MUST LOOK NOW. FIGHTING LIKE THIS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

I GOTTA REST FOR A SEC, OR MY LEGS ARE GONNA GIVE OUT..

I-I'M TIRED...

AH. THE FLOOR IS SO NICE AND COOL...

KIND OF SLEEPY... NO... NO...

AH.. MAN...

FEELING PRETTY RELAXED. .

REI--?

RIRUKA !?

JASMINE !!

IT HAD TO BE BECAUSE I MISTOOK HER FOR REIKO!!

FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T MOVE WHEN SHE LOOKED AT ME!!

Yeeeow!

SPLURT

. . . .

JUST NOW... YOU WERE AFRAID OF ME, WEREN'T YOU?

DON'T YOU THINK THE IDEA OF A LOVED, NURTURING RULER IS A LITTLE BIT ODD?

BEING FEARED IS THE GREATEST FORM OF FLATTERY TO ME.

"

DIE!!

SHIT!!

IT'S OVER, JASMINE.

HN?

CLANG

FUU LING!

CRETIN!!

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YU...

YURIKAWA!!

IF SHE'S HERE, THAT MEANS...

ZOMBIE NAME: SAKI YURIKAWA
KILLED TWENTY-NINE YOUNG GIRLS IN THE TOWN OF SHIRAIKE
DIED IN BATTLE WITH BE-KO HIMEZONO.

!!

YOU SHOULD WATCH YOUR MOUTH AROUND ME!!

I WILL BE QUEEN OF THE WORLD, AND YOU WILL BE BEGGING ME FOR MERCY

RIRUKA, MY DEAR SISTER...

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU

ACT 19

FASHING

WHERE'D THOSE TWO RUN OFF TO?

IF YOU HAVE ANY INTENTION OF DEFEATING ME, YOU MIGHT WANT TO ENLIST THEIR HELP, DON'T YOU THINK?

YOUR FRIENDS..

THEIR NAMES WERE YUKI AND RUDOH, RIGHT?

REIKO..

REIKO...?

WELL, MAYBE.. PERHAPS THEY.

3 GLANCE

GLANCE

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RI..

WHOA. HOLD ON THERE!! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SAYING *I'M* THE ONE HERE WHO THINKS HER FRIENDS ARE DISPOSABLE!!

REIKO, SERIOUSLY! STEP BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! HOW MANY FRIENDS ARE YOU GONNA LET D E UNTIL YOU FINALLY GET THE PICTURE?!

BIT THE BIG ONE, HUH?!

HUMPH!

I WILL NOT LET ANYONE ELSE DIE!!

RIRUKA, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

THUD
YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE ME MORE SERIOUSLY.
I HAVE EARNED MY RIGHT TO BE QUEEN OF THE WORLD, AFTER PASSING THROUGH HELLS THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.
WHILE YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND DOING YOUR RIDICULOUS ZOMBIE SHOP "BUSINESS"...

"JUST THREE YEARS AGO...

"...I WAS A YOUNG GIRL, LISTLESSLY WATCHING THE DAYS PASS AT AN ORPHANAGE.

"I WAS FULLY AWARE THAT I COULD ANIMATE THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD, BUT

"...I HADN'T THE SLIGHTEST INKLING THAT THIS ABILITY WOULD ALSO ACT AS MY KEY TO DOMINATING THE WORLD.

"WE WERE ALL ABOUT THE SAME AGE, BUT...

"...THEY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS HAVING BEEN BLESSED WITH ABILITIES AND TALENTS BEYOND ALL OTHERS, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

"THEN, *THEY* APPEARED BEFORE ME.

"THEIR LEADER WAS A GIRL NAMED ROSES KILLMISTER.

I SHALL PERMIT YOU ADMITTANCE TO OUR COTERIE, RIRUKA KIMEZONO.

BUT ONLY IF YOU PLEDGE YOUR LOYALTY TO ME.

SHOULD YOU REJECT MY INVITATION...

"AND AS SHE LOOKED AT ME, SHE SAID..."

MY SLEEPING POWER OPENED IT'S EYES TO ME – THE POWER OF ZOMBIE SUMMONING!!

AN ABILITY THAT HID FROM ME, SET FREE!!

ZOMBIFI-CATION! ZOMBIE SUMMONING!! THIS WAS POSSIBLE!!

...I WILL HAVE YOU DEAD BEFORE YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BECOME MY ENEMY!!

..THAT ONLY I WAS FIT TO BE QUEEN!

IN A VERY SHORT TIME, ALL OF THEM BECAME MY LOYAL SERVANTS, AND THE REASON WAS SIMPLE.

AND THAT THERE WAS NO WAY THEY COULD OUT-SUMMON ME OR OUT-DO MY ZOMBIES!!

SERVING ME WAS THEIR DUTY, AND THEY ALL LEARNED IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER..

YOU CAN'T STOP ME, REIKO...

YURIKAWA, RETREAT!!

500000000?

NO...

HISTORY

ZOMBIE NAME: HOLY MITHRAS
SUMMONED FROM HELL TO CELEBRATE KIRUKA'S DOMINATION OF THE WORLD. THE BODY IS COMPOSED OF FALLEN SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED IN KIRUKA'S DRIVE FOR CONTROL. THEIR DEEP SEATED GRUDGE AND THIRST FOR VENGEANCE AGAINST THOSE WHO FELLED THEM WILL ONLY BE SLAKED ONCE KIRUKA HAS CLAIMED SUPREMACY... EVEN IF KIRUKA'S SUPREMACY MEANS LEADING MORE PEOPLE TO THEIR DEATHS

OOHHHH-

SLOP

WAAAAH!

SPLASH

COUGH!

COUGH!

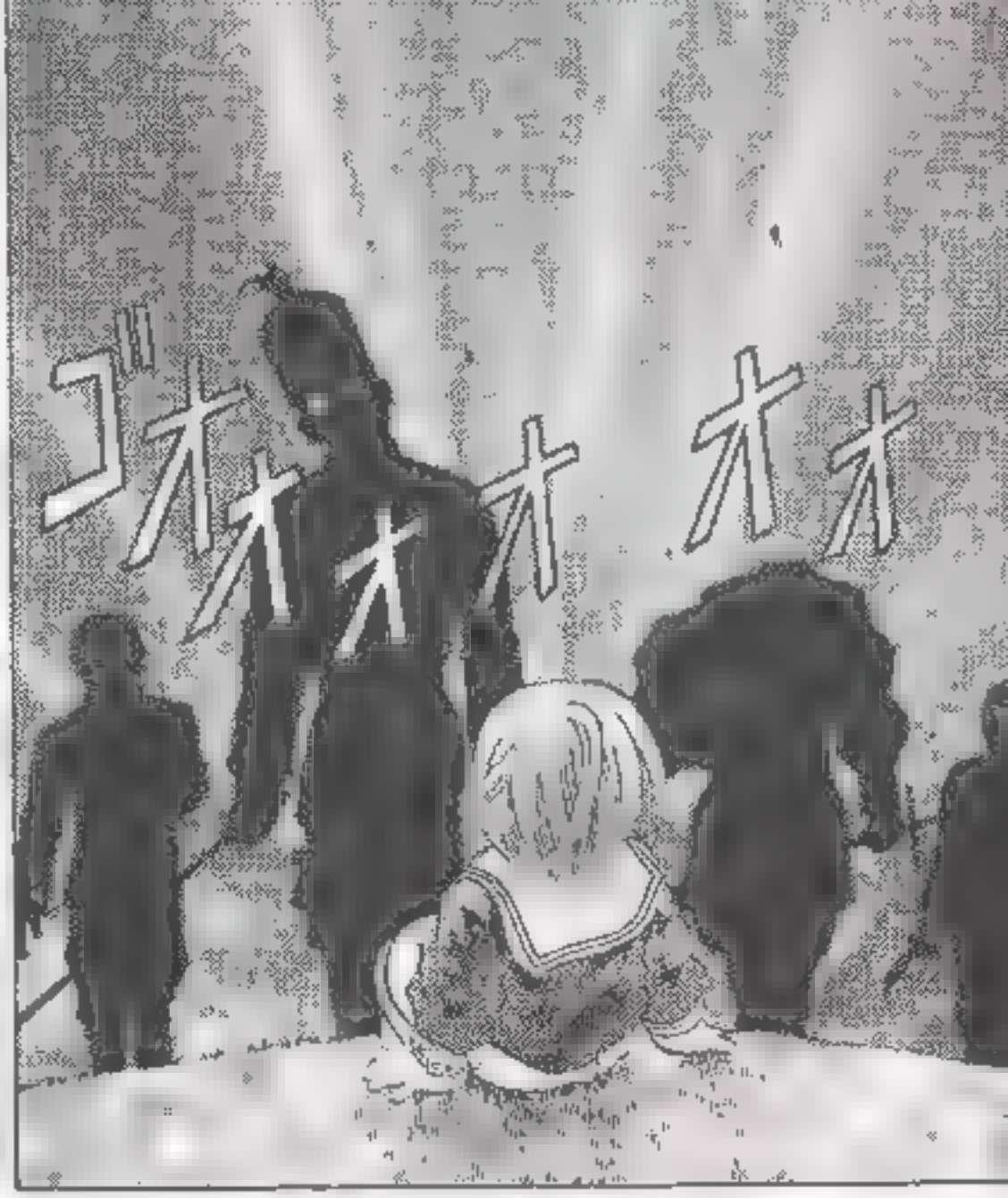
VARRG.

HUUAAARGH!!!

PLOP

PLOP

PLOP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I'M NOT JUST TRYING TO SAVE MYSELF..!!

I.

YU-YUKI

I HAVE ALWAYS DREAMT.

...OF SAVING EVERYONE ELSE!!

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

DID I..

"CALL" THAT?

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MY ZOMBIES WILL GIVE YURIKAWA HER MUCH NEEDED TIME-OUT!! HAHAHAHA!!

A-HAHAHAHA!!

THAT'S RIGHT, RUN! THAT'S RIGHT, ESCAPE... IF YOU CAN!!

THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO AT THIS POINT!!

CHRIST, REIKO, WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

HEY JAS... I HIRED YOU ON AS A MERCENARY, RIGHT?!

OHHH SWEETIE.

THAT IS SOOO SWEET OF YOU.

SO NICE OF YOU TO CARE SO MUCH FOR ME, A MERE HIRELING...

YOU'RE LET GO!! YOU'RE FIRED!!

IF WE HEAD IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, SHE'LL FOLLOW ME AND YOU'LL BE SAVED!!

RIRUKA IS ONLY AFTER ME!! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO DIE!!

BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MELTIN' MY HEART..

!!

JASMINE!?

IF I WERE TO LET YOU DIE NOW THE NAME OF MERCENARIES ALL AROUND WOULD BE MUD!!

JASMINE!!

JUST LET ME DO WHAT I WAS MEANT TO DO!!

I'LL BUY YOU A COUPLE OF SECONDS, SO GET RUNNING!!

THAT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO BAD, AFTER ALL.

YUKI .. YOU'RE DEAD NOW...

...BUT IF YOU'D HAVE COME ON TO ME...

!!

WAAA

BLAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

YEEEEEEEEARRRRGGG!!

HE-HE

GROAAAN

KA-

BOOOOOM

WHO COULD HAVE SUMMONED SUCH AN AMAZINGLY FIERCE ZOMBIE?!

WITH A ZOMBIE PILOT!? YOU TELLING ME SOMEONE SUMMONED A *WHOLE PLANE?!*

A FIGHTER-PLANE?!

RI-RIDICU-LOUS!!

!!

YOU.

WHA--?!

AHAHAHAHAHA! YOU?!

YOU'RE SUCH A NUISANCE, REIKO! LEAVE AT ONCE!!

MAYO IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP YOUR ZOMBIE!

BUT THAT ISN'T THE ONLY REASON THAT I'M PROTECTING HER!!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU!!

I WILL NOT LET ANOTHER PERSON DIE!!

WHEN MAYO'S OLDER BROTHER YUKI DIED, I MADE A PROMISE TO MYSELF...

...THAT I WOULD PROTECT WHAT YUKI COULD NOT!

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IF I CAN JUST GET OFF ONE GOOD SHOT

IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO FOR ME, SINCE I LENT YOU MY FAVORITE SWORD.

THAT A GIRL, REIKO. JUST SPIN RIRUKA THIS WAY.

FAR FROM PROTECT-ING OTHERS...

...YOU CAN HARDLY PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE.

MY DEAR REIKO, DID YOU SAY "PROTECT" ?

THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR INANE FOOLISH-NESS.

LOOK OUT, REIKO! THEY'RE COMING DOWN FROM ABOVE!!

SHOOT!!

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD WORRY LESS ABOUT REIKO, AND MORE ABOUT YOURSELF!

REI- REIKO!!

FUCUCUCUCK!!

THESE IMBECILIC FOOLS!!

THIS SORT OF INSULT IS UNFORGIVABLE!!

HOW DARE THEY DO SUCH A THING TO ME!!

SPLURK

OUKH!!

BLAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

AND YOUR NGTH

WHA--

WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

D-DID WE DO IT?

AH!

REIKO!! JASMINE!!

GET OUTTA HERE, FAST!!

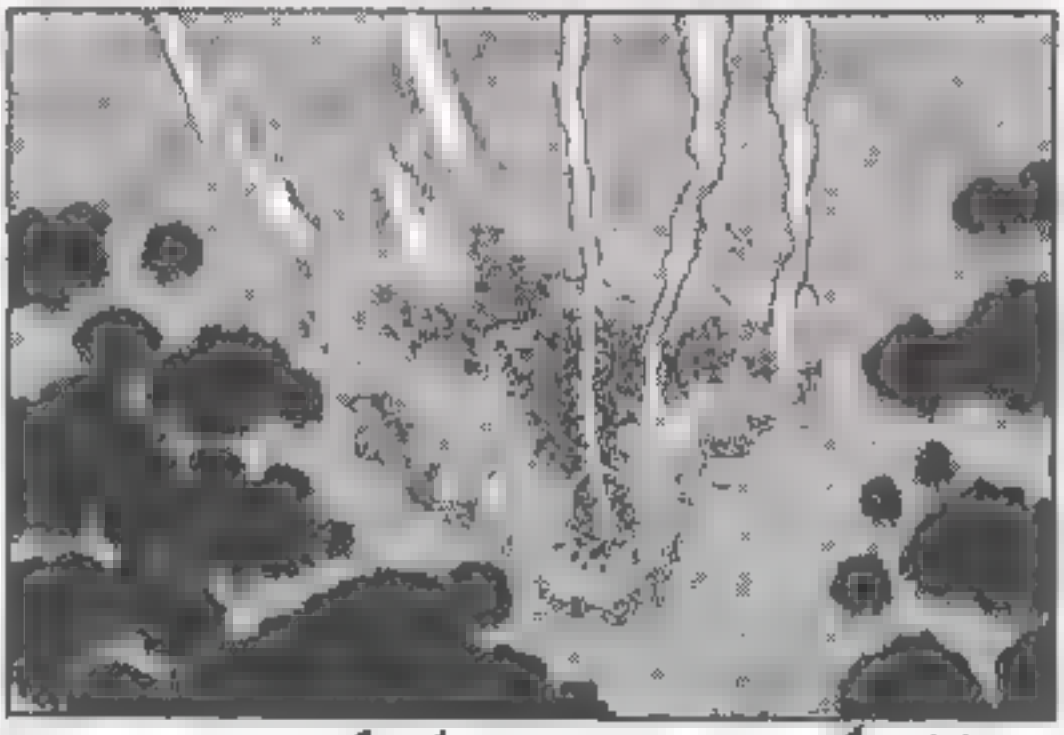
SHIT!!

!!

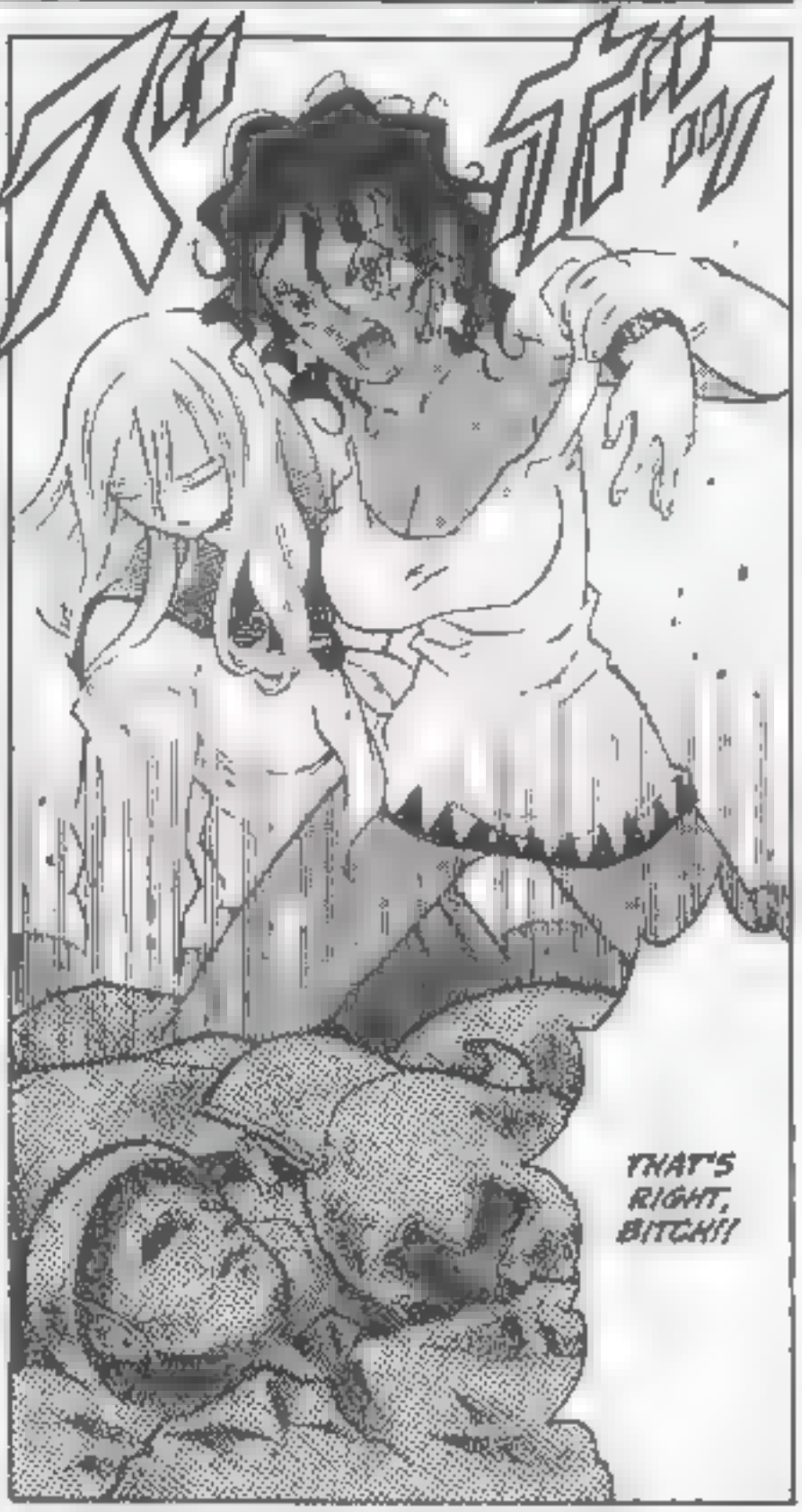
FALLING YOUR WAY!!

RIRUKA'S ZOMBIE IS...

BOOM



REIKO... LOOK!
WE DID IT! WE WON!!


THAT'S RIGHT, BITCH!!

MAYO-CHAN...!

Y-YEAH. . OF COURSE !!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND MAYO-CHAN!! JASMINE, HELP ME OUT!!

WHOA!

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MAYO-CHAN!! WHERE IS SHE!?

MAYO-CHAN!!

!!

COULD SHE... COULD SHE STILL BE ALIVE?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT MUST HAVE CRUSHED HER TO DEA--

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MY GOD. .

LOOK, REIKO... MAYO'S ALIVE!

LOOK HOW FAR YUKI'S STRENGTH GOT HER!

NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF ZOMBIES YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUMMON...

SPLAT

"YUKI!! PLEASE LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!" CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK HER LAST WORDS WERE?

...WERE ONLY ENOUGH TO SHED A LAYER OF SKIN OFF OF MY UNDEAD MINION, HOLY MITHRAS!!

EVEN THE BOMBS AND GUNS OF MAYO'S ZOMBIE...

. YOU HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE AGAINST ME!!

AND THEN

YOU SHALL UNDERSTAND WHAT TERROR TRULY IS!!

PERHAPS IT IS TIME YOU SAW HOLY MITHRAS TRUE FORM

. .SHALL MEET A DOOM SO BRUTAL THAT BEING RIPPED IN HALF, LIKE MAYO, WOULD BE...

FOR YOU TWO CRETINS, WHO HAVE MADE ME BLEED AND RUINED MY FINERIES...

REIKO!!

SHIT!! EVEN REIKO'S SCARED!?

.. AN ENVIABLE AND MERCIFUL DEMISE!!

ACT 15

THERE WAS A TIME WE HAD A SWEET MOTHER AND FATHER LOVING BOTH OF US.

REIKO, DEAREST, DO YOU REMEMBER?

-YOU WERE ALWAYS SO HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOUR PRESENTS.

AND DEEP DOWN, I FOUND THAT, AND YOU, DESPICABLE.

JUNE 6TH

OUR BIRTHDAY

FATHER WOULD ALWAYS BUY US THE TOYS AND PRESENTS WE REALLY WANTED

THE THING I REALLY WANTED WAS. .

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, WASN'T.

YOU WERE COMPLETELY ELATED TO GET EVEN THE MOST TRIFLING OF GIFTS.

MY "VESSEL" IS READY

ALL I MUST DO IS USE MY SUMMONER POWERS TO POUR A SOUL INTO IT ONCE I HAVE DONE THAT..

ROWLRRRRRNNN

..I WILL HAVE AN ADORABLE PET THAT OBEYS MY EVERY COMM--

RIRUKA, WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?

I THOUGHT SHE'D GO BLAB HER BIG MOUTH TO FATHER.

SO I THOUGHT THAT I'D JUST SCARE HER A LITTLE IN CASE, SO SHE WOULDN'T.

BUT AS I WATCHED HER SQUIRM DESPERATELY TO ESCAPE..

. I REALIZED HOW MUCH JOY SEEING HER SCARED BROUGHT TO ME.

WE GIVE BOTH RIRUKA AND REIKO AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF LOVE AND ATTENTION, SO...

..THE ONLY EXPLANATION IS THAT THIS IS AN INBORN PERSONALITY TRAIT..

DEAR...

I KIND OF SUSPECTED SOMETHING EARLIER, BUT NOW I AM BEGINNING TO THINK THAT RIRUKA...

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE CANNOT BE A SUCCESSOR OF OUR FAMILY LEGACY, THE *ZOMBIE SHOP*

A CERTAIN MEASURE OF CONSCIENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THAT.

BUT RIRUKA... SHE FINDS JOY AND MORBID FASCINATION IN THE BLOOD AND DEATH OF OTHERS.

BEING A "ZOMBIE SHOP" IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN IN OUR FAMILY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. WE HAVE LET THE DEAD SPEAK AND BEEN PAID WELL BECAUSE OF THIS.

BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE HIMEZONO BLOOD COURSING THROUGH YOUR VEINS DOESN'T NECESSARILY GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE A SUMMONER.

EXACTLY. I AM THINKING THAT BEFORE THEIR NEXT BIRTHDAY COMES...

THEY SHOULD BE MOVED TO SEPARATE FACILITIES.

SO THEN, DEAR...

DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SPLIT THEM UP AND RAISE THEM SEPARATELY?

EVEN IF IT MEANS I HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF.

...I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF HER.

IF SHE USES HER ABILITY FOR EVIL...

IF RIRUKA GROWS UP WITHOUT CAUSING ANY PROBLEMS, I'M HAPPY, BUT...

"...I WAS ABLE TO TAKE MY TIME DEVELOPING MY ABILITIES AND TALENTS INTO A FINE CRAFT."

"...AND REIKO AND I WERE SENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS, TO DIFFERENT ORPHANAGES, BUT THAT WAS A GOOD THING, BECAUSE...

"HOWEVER, MOTHER AND FATHER DIED IN AN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT FAR BEFORE OUR NEXT BIRTHDAY...

THOSE WHO WOULD OBSTRUCT ME SHALL BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT MERCY!!

WHICH IS WHY...

AND I REALIZED THAT I WOULD BE A FOOL IF I USED MY TALENTS FOR SOMETHING SO PETTY AS BEING A *ZOMBIE SHOP*.

WITH MY POWER, THE WORLD COULD BE MY PLAYTHING!! AND THAT IS WHY I WILL BE QUEEN!!

REIKO!!

I SHALL TEAR YOUR ENTRAILS FROM YOUR BODY AND FEED THEM TO A PIG!!

REIKO!! DON'T JUST STAND THERE!!

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MAYO-CHA -

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SPLUR-RETCH!

REIKOOOO!!

GET YOUR ASS IN GEAR!!
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DAMMIT!

REIKO. WHAT? YOU JUST GONNA LOSE YOUR WILL TO FIGHT WHILE SHE'S RIGHT THERE?!
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN HOW MANY'VE BEEN KILLED 'CAUSE OF RIRIKA?!

PLUS, YOU'RE FUCKIN' MISTAKEN IF YOU THINK I'M JUST GONNA STAND HERE AND LET YOU DIE!!

BECAUSE THAT BODY UNDER THAT HEAD OF YOURS...

...ISN'T YOURS TO LET DIE!!

WHO'S RYOKA?!

OH MY--

RYOKA AMANO!

TIME TO DANCE WITH DEATH.

AND SO SHALL THE FLESH OF RYOKA AMANO!!

YOU SHALL DIE STANDING THERE LIKE A FOOL, REIKO!

!!

YURIKAWA!!

BUT DOES SHE HONESTLY THINK SHE CAN DO ANYTHING WITH JUST ONE ARM?!
OR EVEN WITH..
SO, THAT BITCH CAN STILL MOVE!!
THIS IS BAD!!
SUCH A PATHETI-CALLY SMALL KNIFE?!
YURIKAWAAAAAAAAAA!!

SNAP

A PRESENT JUST FOR YOU!!

CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE!!

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SHIT

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OHHHHHH!!

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YURIKAWA!?

.....!!

DRIP

THAT IS KNOWN AS "DEMON'S BLOOD" !!

THE BACTERIA FULMINATE WHEN EXPOSED TO AIR, AND DEVOUR ANYTHING THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH!

CARNIVOROUS BACTERIA FLOWS WITHIN HIS CRIMSON ICHOR!

SWING!!

HAND HER BACK!!

SLASH

NOTHING TO DO BUT GO TOE-TO-TOE IN MELEE WITH THIS BITCH!!

REIKO, WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE HERE..

UMP!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM FIGHTING YOU?!

HA! DON'T ACT SO TOUGH, REIKO!!

I KNOW...

TAKE A LOOK AT YURIKAWA THERE, WHO ACTUALLY ATTEMPTED TO TAKE ME ON WITH ALL OF HER MIGHT!! THAT'LL BE YOU!! HAHAHAA!!

DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT ME WHILE DOING NOTHING BUT FUTILELY ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT THAT BODY?!

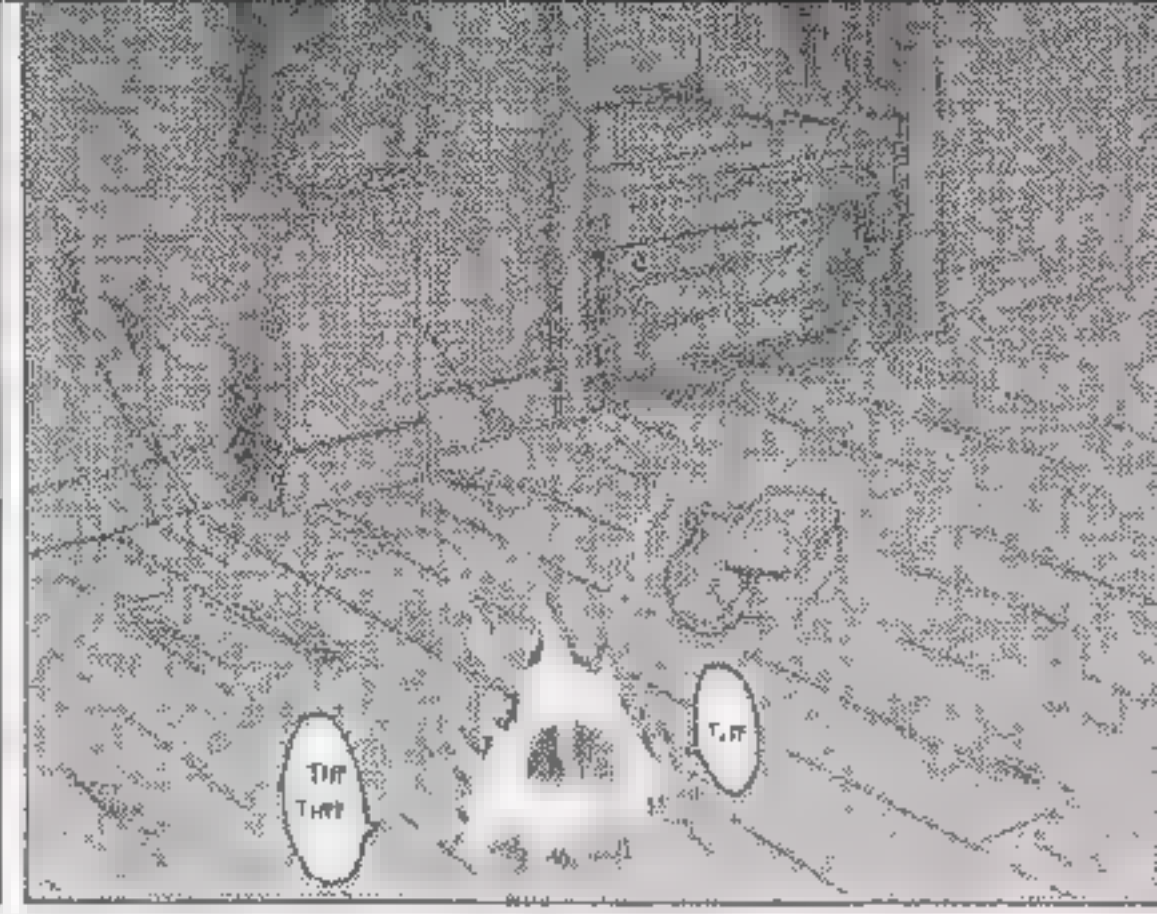
YOU ARE AFRAID!! AFRAID THAT YOU'LL HURT RYOKA'S PRETTY LITTLE BODY THERE BY FIGHTING LIKE YOU SHOULD FIGHT!!

AHAHAHA!!

YOU ARE REALLY OVERESTIMATING YOURSELF, REIKO.

"I WANT TO STOP RIRUKA!!" "BUT I HAVE TO KEEP THIS BODY SAFE!!"

WHY YOU...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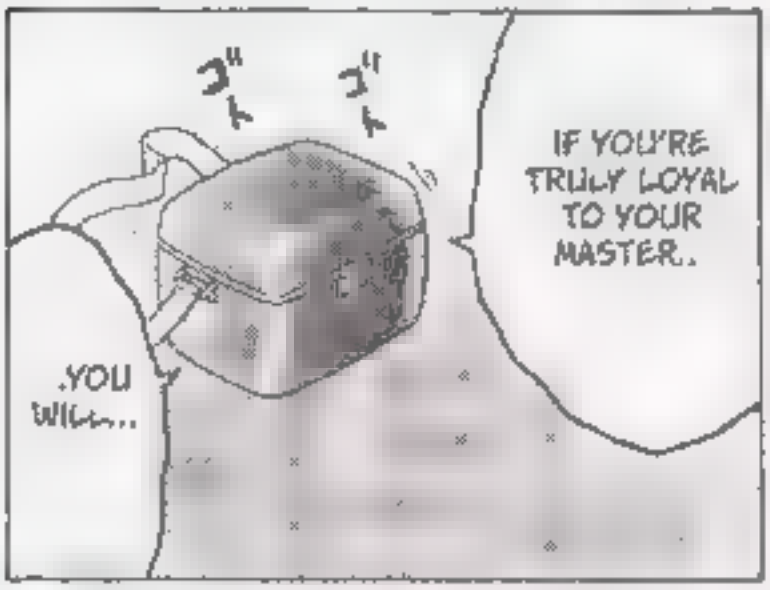
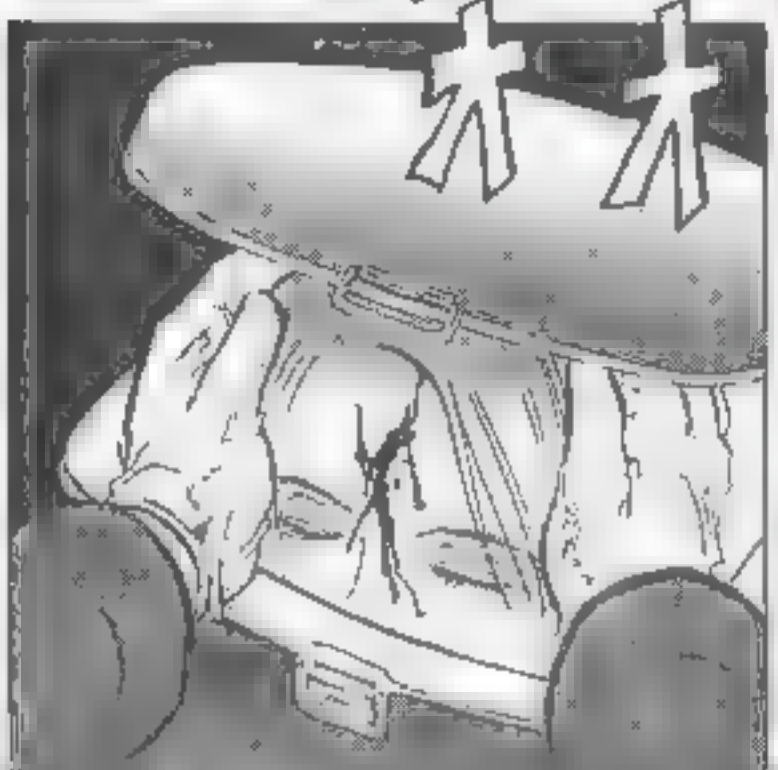
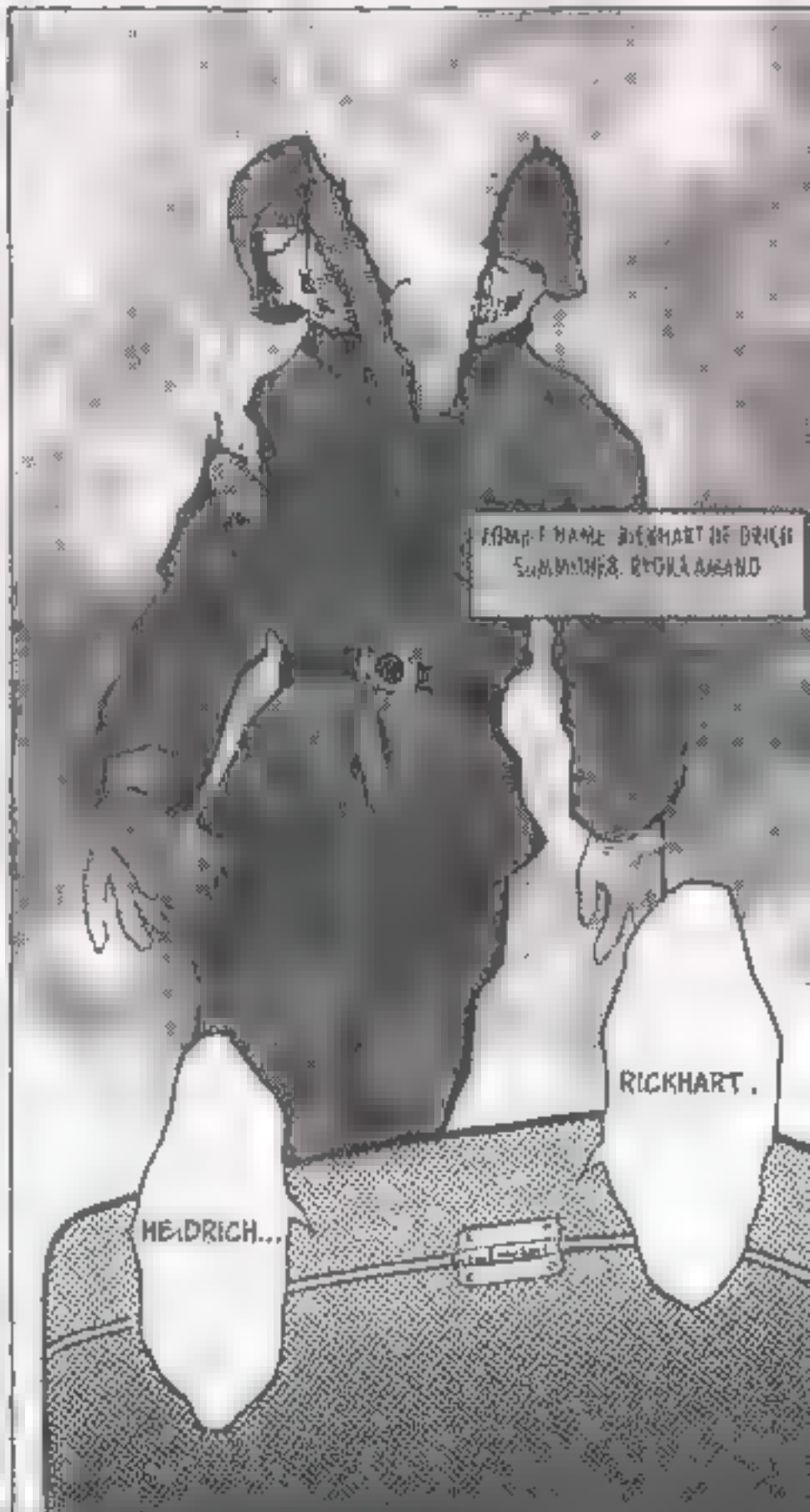

IF YOU'RE TRULY LOYAL TO YOUR MASTER..
.YOU WILL...

...LET ME OUT OF THIS BOX, YOU SHITHEAD NAZI BASTARD!!

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HEYDRICH...
RICKHART.

THE GORGEOUS, SLENDER BODY I HAD... WHERE IS IT?

I NOW LOOK LIKE THIS.

RICKNART... BECAUSE OF YOUR INCOMPETENCE..

THROW"!

RE-KO!! USE THIS!!

I HAVE ONE MORE THING FOR YOU TO DO.

CLUTCH

I'LL HOLD BACK THIS FAT-ASS ZOMBIE DUMBSHIT!!

YOU FOCUS ON STOPPING RIRUKA!!

JASMINE!!

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EHHH?

RIRUKA'S NOT TOO BAD WITH A SWORD..

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..AND THE STRONGER AND HARDER I ATTACK HER, THE MORE THAT SHE'LL BE WATCHING AND WAITING TO EXPLOIT ANY MISTAKE I MAKE!!

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO KILL ME, PERHAPS...

...I COULD TELL YOU A STORY TO HELP YOU ALONG?

YOU TWO ARE TOO MUCH!! NOW COME AND GET SOME!!

REIKO! DID YOU HEAR THAT? YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON STOPPING ME!!

IT WAS ALL MY DOING.

I PUT A SMALL ZOMBIFIED ANIMAL INTO DAD'S BAG, AND ONCE THE PLANE GOT AIRBORNE...

...THE LITTLE RODENT SNEAKED OUT OF THE BAG, AND BEGAN TO CHEW ON SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT WIRES!!

YOU NEVER KNEW THE REAL REASON MOTHER AND FATHER'S PLANE CRASHED...

...DID YOU?

ABOUT THREE PEOPLE DIED, RIGHT? IT WAS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY.

THREE PEOPLE WERE NOTHING COMPARED TO HAVING MY PRIDE SHREDDED TO PIECES!

THEY WERE GOING TO TOSS ME OUT AND EMBRACE YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.

KATHOOM

THE WHOLE TIME I WAS LAUGHING! SELFISH REIKO...

ASKING FOR PRESENTS AS THEY WALKED OUT THE DOOR TO THEIR DEATHS.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO THEM BEFORE THEY LEFT ON THAT TRIP?

"BRING ME BACK A PRESENT!"

A-HAHAHA!! NUMBER FOUR, RIRUKA HIMEZONO, STEPS UP TO THE PLATE!

WINDS BACK FOR A BIG SWING..

...AND OFF SAILS REIKO'S HEAD!!

RIRUKAAAAA!!

F!! DASH

F!! SWISH!

ALL THE WAY TO THE BLEACH—

HUHP!

!!

YOU BITCH!!

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!!

OW!

KICK

SPRITZ

THAT. .

THAT. .

!!

WHAT THE...!?

...REALLY HURT, YOU STUPID BITCH!!

BREATHE LIFE INTO THIS DEAD ARM, IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT'S BREATH!!

OH SATAN, LORD OF DEMONS, HEAR MY PRAYER!!

A ZOMBIFIED ARM!!

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

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'CAUSE HEAVEN KNOWS I'M NOT GOING TO! SHE MUST DIE!!

LET'S JUST SEE BIG SIS TRY TO INTONE A DISENCHANT ON THAT ARM NOW!!

RE-RE-KO!! THAT MOVE YOU JUST PULLED THERE. .

WHERE THE HELL DID YOU LEARN THAT?!

THAT LOOKED LIKE SOME KIND OF KUNG-FU SHIT!!

AGGHHHH!!

SHIT!!

JASMINE!! BEHIND YOU!!

NO IDEA!! MY BODY JUST DID THAT ON ITS OWN!!

THAT JUST STAYED WITH THE BODY OR SOMETHING!!

MAYBE IT WAS SOME SORT OF TRAINING THAT RYOKA HAD. .

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

MY GOD! RYOKA!!

ZO-ZOMBIFY-ING!?

I DON'T REMEMBER ZOMBIFYING YOU..

BUT I, I..

HEY, REIKO! BEEN A WHILE!!

I'M HERE NOW, THANKS TO YOU ZOMBIFYING MY HEAD! THANK YOU!

GYAAAHHH!!

IT TOOK ME A LITTLE LONGER TO RECOVER CONSCIOUSNESS, SINCE MY "GRAY MATTER" WAS ON ICE.

ON THE WAY TO RIRUKA'S HIDEOUT, YOU INVOKED ZOMBIFICATION IN ORDER TO GET PAST SOMEONE THAT WAS IN YOUR WAY, DIDN'T YOU?

WELL, I COULD HEAR IT, EVEN THOUGH MY HEAD WAS INSIDE THAT COOLER BOX.

THE BLOOD THAT SPURTED FROM THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

IT'S EATING AWAY THE FLESH!!

CANNIBALIZING IT!!

WOOOOOAAARRR!!

BUT OF COURSE.

YOU'RE GONNA RETURN IT, RIGHT?

ONE THING, REIKO..

THAT BODY I'M LENDING YOU..

YOU'RE JUST WASTING LEAD AT THIS POINT!!

STOP SHOOTING!!

YARRRRRRRRG!!

EEE EGEEEEE!!

AARRRGG!!

RIGHT AFTER I SILENCE RIRUKA FOR GOOD.

KEEEEE-
YAARRRGGG!!!

ANOTHER NAME QUETZALCOATLUS, A CARNIVOROUS WINGED DINOSAUR THAT INHABITED THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT DURING THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD. THE ARMS ARE KANJIA'S OWN PERSONA, ABDEFHIK

A FLYING DINOSAUR?

!?

NOT BAD!!

SHE'S PLAYIN' HER ACE!!

AH!

CLICK CLICK

DAMN! OUTTA BULLETS.

RYOKA ?!

Y-YOU GOTTA BE SHITTIN' ME!! SOME PREHISTORIC ANIMAL AS A ZOMBIE?!

THERE SHOULD BE A FULL CLIP OR TWO OF AMMO IN HIS POCKET.

KRACK!!

L-LIGHT-NING!!

RICKHART!! GET RID OF YOUR...

RYO--

BOOM

...GOD!!

THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION!! GOD IS ON MY SIDE!!

L-LIGHTNING!?

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE WORK OF..

!!

NOW'S THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT MY WOUND, AND NOT PETTY LITTLE REIKO!!

RIRUKA!!

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

YOU'VE GOT LUCK ON YOUR SIDE, REIKO.. I'LL LET YOU GO JUST THIS ONCE!!

DID YOU MISS WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO RYOKA, YOU LOON?

THROWING METAL?! YOU DUNCE!!

RIRUKAAAAAA!!

DAMMIT!!

OH-HO HO HO HA HA!!

CIAO!!

IF WE LET HER ESCAPE, IT MEANS YUKI AND EVERYONE D ED, LIKE, TOTALLY IN VAIN!!

WHATTA WE DO NOW, REIKO?!

WHATCHA TALKIN' 'BOUT, RE.KO?!

SHE'S JUST LIKE ICARUS TRYING TO FLY TOO CLOSE TO THE HOT SUN.

DON'T WORRY.. RIRUKA WILL NOT GET AWAY.

I MEAN THAT HER PUNISHMENT WILL SOON COME.

I SHALL CLAIM COMPLETE VICTO--

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BUT NEXT TIME. NEXT TIME I STAND FACE-TO-FACE WITH REIKO..

..AND WE NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO FLY AT A LOW ALTITUDE.

NOT HAVING ANY METAL N MY DRESS CAN ONLY BE MORE PROOF THAT GOD INTERVENED TO SAVE ME. .

SAWWWWW

THE- THERE'S NO WAY.

Y-YOU!!

GLOPH

GLORK

SPURT

WHAT THE --?!

THE WRESTLER

YURIKAWAAAAAAA!!!

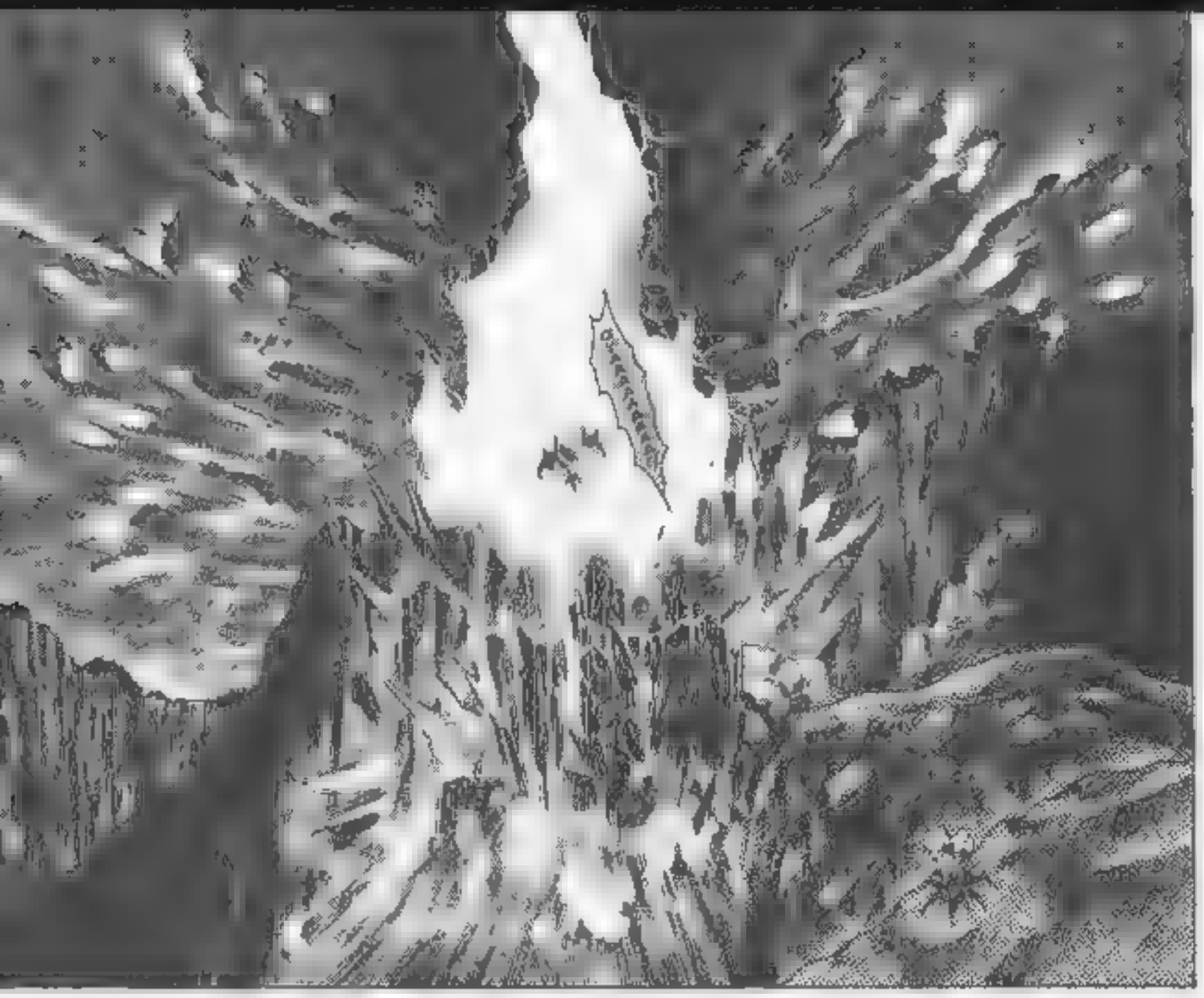
HYAAAAAAAAAA!!

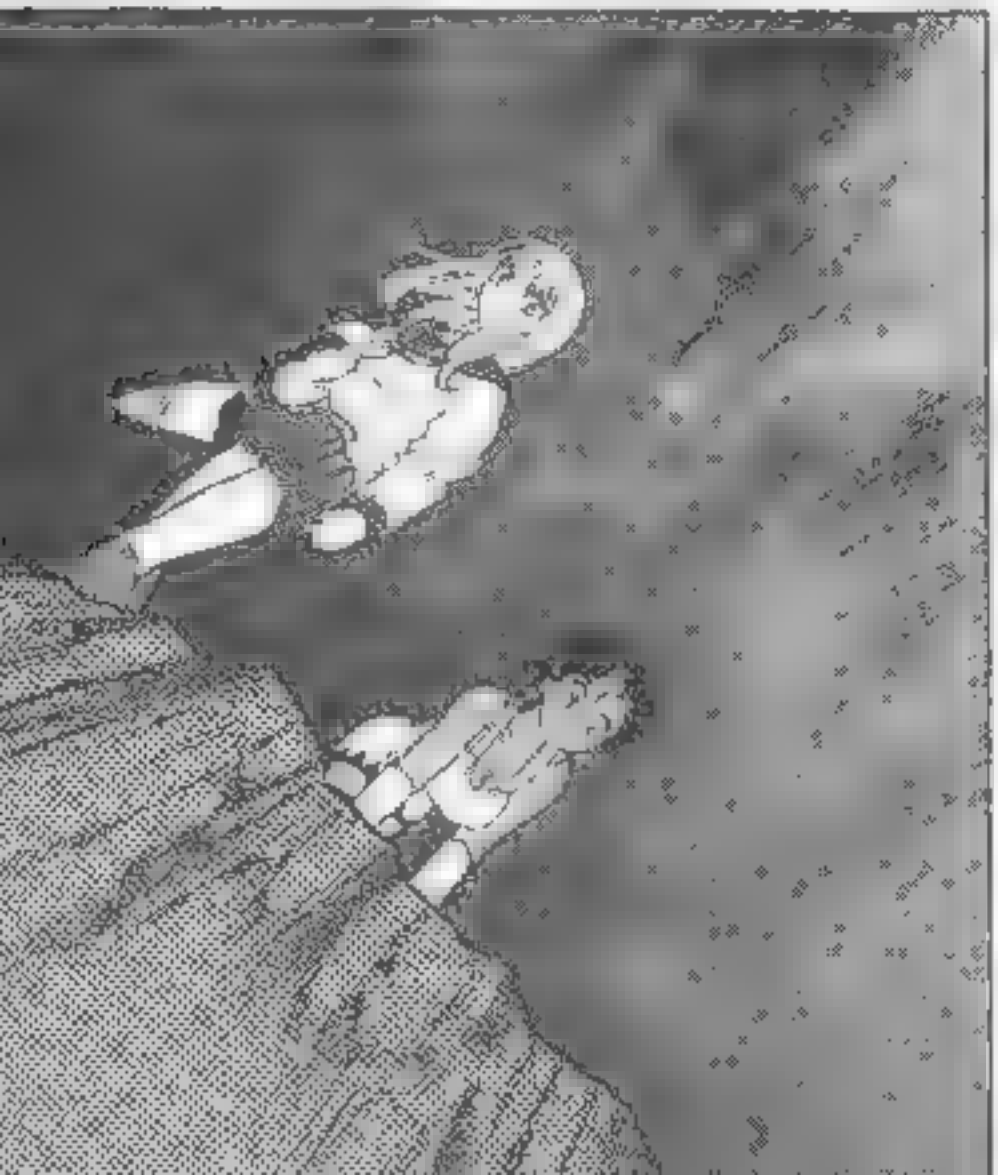
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

STOP!!

HUH!!

HUH?





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DAD ASKED ME THIS--

"WHAT DO YOU THINK RIRUKA WOULD LIKE?"

MY DEAR SISTER RIRUKA, WHEN I ASKED DAD AND MOM TO "BRING BACK A PRESENT".

YOUR MEMORY, MY SISTER. .

S VERY SELECTIVE.

ACT 16

IBOLYA, WHO HAD DISAPPEARED THREE DAYS EARLIER...

.. WAS FOUND BEHEADED IN HER DORM'S RESTROOM.

HER ORGANS WERE DISCOVERED IN A NEARBY LAKE, ALONG WITH THE CORPSE OF ERZSEBET.

ERZSEBET WAS DISCOVERED IN AN ORCHARD, UNDER AN APPLE TREE.

AND NOW I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG.

IN THIS COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IN THIS AREA, MANY LEGENDS OF MONSTERS ARE WHISPERED.

INCLUDING THESE THREE STUDENTS, AND THE CORPSES OF FARMERS AND HUNTERS THAT LIVED NEAR THE RURAL CAMPUS...

.. THE BODY COUNT IS TEN.

I'M NOT TRYING TO PROVE OR DISPROVE WHETHER THESE "MONSTERS" EXIST

BUT IF THEY DO, WE'RE ON THE "GETTING KILLED" SIDE...

SO I JUST THINK THAT I SHOULD WARN EVERYONE, JUST IN CASE.

YEAH, BUT WE HEARD THE DEAN TALK ABOUT IT ONCE.

HOW HE SAW SOME SORT OF MONSTER WHEN HE WAS LITTLE.

GIMME A BREAK, RITA! DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE ALL OF THOSE CRAZY LEGENDS.

THE ONLY PEOPLE AROUND HERE THAT SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THOSE STORIES ARE SUPERSTITIOUS, SENILE OLD PEOPLE.

IN THE PAST, WHEN OUR COUNTRY WAS INVADED BY THE THEN-SOVIETS, NATURE WAS WHAT SPARED OUR CAMPUS FROM ATTACK AND DESTRUCTION.

THE DECISION WAS MADE, ON THEIR PART, THAT GETTING TO THE CAMPUS WOULD BE AN "EXTREME DIFFICULTY"

AND FORESTS AND RAVINES SURROUND THE CAMPUS FOR THIRTY KILOMETERS IN EVERY DIRECTION.

OUR SCHOOL, MISTRAL WOMEN'S COLLEGE, HAS BEEN AROUND FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

BUT WHILE THE TREACHEROUS TERRAIN OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL HAS PROTECTED IT FROM THINGS LIKE INVADING ARMIES IN THE PAST...

...IT ALSO MEANS THAT IF SOMEONE WAS WATCHING US FROM RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL...

...WE'D BE TRAPPED WITH NOWHERE TO GO. STUCK WITH THE...

WHEN THE FULL MOON APPEARS, IT WOULD SLOWLY STALK THE CAMPUS TRYING TO QUENCH ITS THIRST FOR BLOOD AND MEAT, AND HERE WE'D BE...

WERE-WOLF!!

YOU KNOW THAT EVA WAS A FRIEND OF POOR IBOLYA!!

GEEZ, RITA!! THINK ABOUT OTHERS FOR A SECOND, WOULD YA?

WAH-HA-HA

KYAAAAAAA!!

THERE'S NOTHING TO CRY ABOUT, EVA.

THE MYSTERY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO IBOLYA IS ABOUT TO BE SOLVED.

I HAVE INVITED A GUEST HERE.

NOT ME.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, RITA?

LIKE, *YOU'RE* GONNA FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED?

?

BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT I PAID TO HAVE HER COME OUT HERE.

TO EVERYONE ELSE, SHE'LL POSE AS A SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE STUDENT

SHE HAS FLOWN ALL THE WAY FROM JAPAN TO HUNGARY TO HELP US.

I SAW AN AD FOR SOMETHING CALLED A "ZOMBIE SHOP" ON THE NET.

...MAYBE SOMETHING WILL COME OF THIS ONE.

...I WAS ABLE TO GET BY ON THE PHONE WITH MY CLIENT, RITA, IN THE HORRIBLE ENGLISH I SPEAK, SO...

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO SAY ANYTHING IN HUNGARIAN, BUT ..

WELL, HELLLLOOO THERE.

WHAT ON EARTH'S A LITTLE ASIAN 'OTTIE LIKE YOU DOIN' 'ERE?

OH, THIS, RIGHT? I WAS JUST OUT CHOPPIN' WOOD.

I'M OVID, THE JANITOR O' SORTS 'ROUND THIS PLACE.

I 'EARD THE SOUND OF A CAR COMING UP, AND THOUGHT'D CHECK IT...

!?

DAMN, THIS GUY NEEDS TO HIT HIS PITS WITH SOME SOAP!!

UH HEH HEH HEH

'CAUSE IF YOU DIDN'T, YOU'LL BE GIVIN' ME WHAT YOU SHOULDA GIV'N T'THEM!!

I LOOKS AFTER ALL THE STUDENTS 'ERE, AND NEEDS A TIP TOO!!

JUST ANSWER WHA'EVER I ASKS YA! I CHECK ALL THE INCOMIN' GUESTS 'ERE.

YOU 'AD TO 'AVE COME BY TAXI, RIGHT!? JA GIVE 'EM A TIP?!

AND THAT'S TH'RULE!!

USUALLY, THE STUDENTS'R RESPONS BLE FOR WASH N' THEIR OWN UNDERWEAR, BUT I'LL MAKE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN YOUR CASE.

WHAT'S IN THAT MESSENGER BAG YOU GOT THERE? YER HOLDIN' IT LIKE IT'S SOMETKIN' 'MPORTANT!!

SO, YA GOTTA HAND OVER THAT TIP AND YER UNDIES!!

'COURSE YOU GOT SOMETHIN' 'MPORTANT!! SHOW ME WHATCHA GOT!! GOT SOME NICE LACY PANTIES IN THERE?!

THUMP

THAT'S MY LIVELIHOOD YOU'RE HOLDING, THERE.

THE HELL'S TH--

LET GO. YOUR STINK MIGHT SPREAD TO IT

RE-I-KOI

CLICK

TH-THAT'S A NICE PELLET GUN YOU GOT THERE.

WHO'S THIS ASIAN CHICKA-DOODLE?

WHAT THE. . . SHE A FRIEND A YOURS, RITA?

WELL, WELCOME TO HUNGARY, REIKO HIMEZONO!!

YOU COME ALL THIS WAY AND THIS IS THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENS. I M REALLY SORRY.

OVID'S GOT SOME PROBLEMS *UPSTAIRS.*

TOMORROW, I'M REPORTING WHAT YOU JUST DID TO THE DEAN.

DIDN'T YOU HAVE A TALK WITH HIM A WHILE BACK ABOUT HOW HE'D CAN YOU IF YOU TOUCHED A STUDENT AGAIN?

AN EXCHANGE STUDENT SHE'LL BE HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

AND YOU TRIED TO TOUCH HER.

LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND THE DORM, REIKO.

COME WITH ME.

I-I-I-I'M SOOO SORRY!! PLEASE!! NO!! DON'T SAY ANYTHING!!

NOOOOOOOOOO!!

ONLY YOU, THE *ZOMBIE SHOP.*

WELL, HE'S BEEN "MARKED" BY THE POLICE, BUT HE'S HARMLESS.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIGURE THIS OUT.

YOU SURE HE'S NOT THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PROBLEMS?

AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

AH, YEAH, UM, I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT.

WE'VE ALREADY ACQUIRED THE "KEY" THAT YOU NEED TO UNLOCK WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE.

AND WITH MY DAD'S HELP, I'VE ALREADY PREPARED THE MONEY WE PROMISED YOU FOR COMING HERE— ONE MILLION FORINT!*

*ABOUT $5000.

ANYWAY, IF I HAVE TO USE THAT GUN EVEN ONCE, THEN I WILL ADD IT TO THE BILL, GOT IT?

RISKO, AT YOUR SERVICE

I HAD TO BUY THAT PISTOL ON THE BLACK MARKET ONCE I GOT IN, JUST IN CASE.

IT WAS *50-000* EXPENSIVE.

LOOK, NO ONE TOLD YOU TO GO AND BUY A--

BUT, YOU SAID YOU ONCE [redacted] ONE WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE...

EVA, NOW LISTEN TO ME.

NO, I WAS WALKING WITH MY MOM.

AND WAS ATTACKED BY A WILD WOLF.

IT WAS DEFINITELY THE SCARIEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN. AND I STILL REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY.

NO SUCH THINGS EXIST IN REAL LIFE.

WEREWOLVES AND SUCH ARE JUST PRODUCTS OF YOUR IMAGINATION.

SO, I'M SURE THAT SOME STUDENTS WHO HEARD THAT I ENCOUNTERED A WILD WOLF, MUST HAVE STARTED THIS RUMOR.

WEREWOLVES ONLY COME OUT WHEN THERE'S A FULL MOON, RIGHT?

WHICH MEANS I REMEMBER THAT IT WAS DAYLIGHT OUT

BUT THERE WAS ONE COMMON THREAD TYING ALL THE SLAYINGS TOGETHER...

THE POLICE TOLD ME TO SAY NOTHING TO THE STUDENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT CHAOS AND CONFUSION.

OKAY, EVA, CLASS IS ABOUT TO START BETTER GET GOING.

YES, SIR!

THANKS FOR PUTTING MY MIND AT EASE!

HAVE YOU FIGURE OUT THE REST!!

AND THE KEY TO FIGURING IT OUT IS IN THAT SHED!!

SO OUR NEXT STEP IS TO.

WE OVERHEARD THE COPS TALKING TO THE DEAN.

THERE WAS ANIMAL FUR STUCK TO THE BODIES!!

¡BOLYA!!
I FOUND ¡BOLYA'S HEAD IN THE BATHROOM!!
RITA...
YOU MEAN, YOU TOOK ¡BOLYA'S HEAD?!
BARRRFF!!

YOU'LL HELP US, RIGHT REIKO?

..YOU'VE REALLY GOT SOME GUTS!!

YOU SEEMED LIKE THE MOUSY, TIMID TYPE, BUT. .

I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO FIND HER. BUT I DIDN'T TELL THE COPS THAT!

I KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THEY FIND OUT BUT I AM PREPARED FOR THAT CONSEQUENCE !!

I ONLY DID THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO FIND OUT WHO DID TH.S AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

OH, SATAN, LORD OF DEMONS, HEAR OUR PRAYER!!

NOW TAKE A STEP BACK WHILE I GET TO SUMMONING.

BREATHE LIFE INTO DEATH, IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT'S BREATH!!

AWAKEN THE TRUTHS THAT LIE SWALLOWED IN THIS SLEEPING ONE!!

JUST PIPE DOWN AND WATCH!

RITA! WHAT IS THIS JAPANESE GIRL DOING?

THIS... THIS "ZOMBIE SHOP"?

?

UHH-HHHH..

U...

IBOLYA, TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!!

TELL ME!!

HYAAAAA!!

RUN!!

YOU SAW HIS FACE, RIGHT!?

SO WHO DID IT!?

A WOLF. HE WAS WEARING A WOLF MASK.

BUT I RECOGNIZED HIS VOICE.

IT WAS...

...HE TIED ME UP AND TOSSED ME INTO A TRUNK.

HE SLASHED MY THROAT, AND THEN.

I HEARD MY FRIENDS LOOKING FOR ME, BUT I WAS TOO WEAK TO ANSWER.

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DAMS
RITA AND THAT JAPANESE GIRL ARE BACK.
AH.

UNTIL THEN, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE KEEP OUR DISTANCE.
IT'LL TAKE FOUR OR FIVE DAYS FOR THEM TO GET HERE.

WE KNOW WHO DID IT.
CALL THE COPS.

DEAN!!

OPEN UP!! IT'S ME!!

?

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT I JUST SAW.

AND I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU JUST LET ME OFF THIS ONCE, *HEHE.*

NO, NO, ITS NOT 'BOUT THAT, SIR...

OVID, YOU HERE ABOUT THE INCIDENT INVOLVING YOU TOUCHING THAT STUDENT?

I TOLD YOU YOU'D BE PUNISHED FOR THAT.

.....?

NO MORE TEARS ONION-PEELING GOGGLES
SORRY, EVERY-BODY!!
TO MAKE IT UP, I'LL PEEL ALL OF THE ONIONS TONIGHT..

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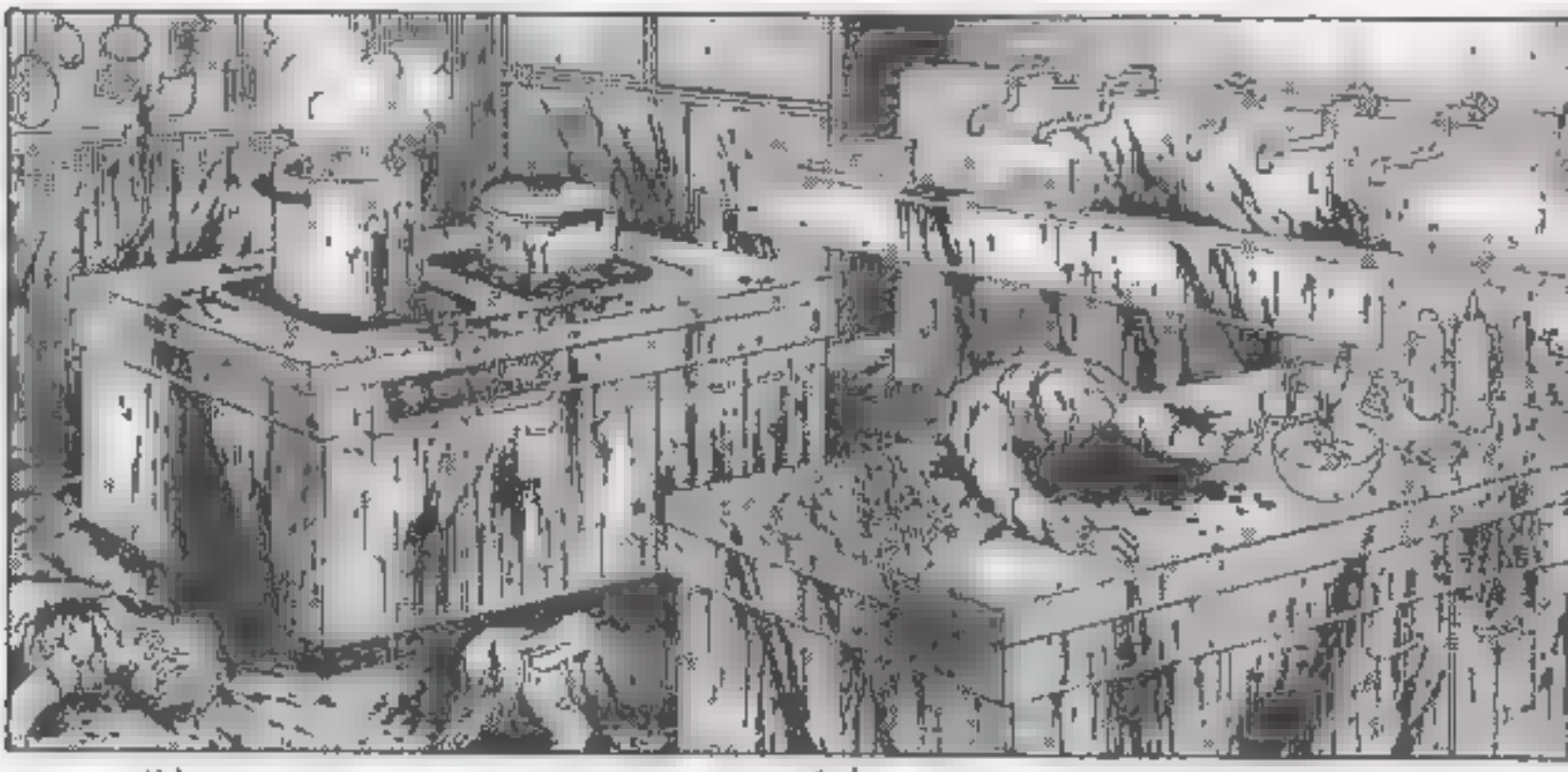
IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF SAYING "I'M SORRY"!!
SHOOT! I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT I WAS ON KITCHEN CREW TONIGHT!!



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AHHH..

NON-FLUSHING PORTABLE TOILETS.

LIVING OUT IN THE STICKS SUCKS FOR AN UPTOWN GIRL LIKE ME.

KYAAAAAAA!!

SHE PROBABLY JUST SAW A MOUSE...

WHAT WAS THAT!?

じょじょじょ DRIP DRIP

GYAAAAAA!!

NO., IT CAN'T.

THIS CAN'T BE..

I AT LEAST HAVE TO HAVE A FLUSHING TOILET IN ORDER TO REALLY FEEL RELIEV--

REIKO!!

OUT OF MY WAY

WHO ON EARTH WOULD HAVE... COULD HAVE...

THE DEAN!!

...IT ALL ERUPTED FROM HIM AT ONCE.

ALL OF HIS PENT-UP DESIRE TO KILL AGAIN AND AGAIN.

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...HE MANAGED TO KEEP HIS COOL, GIVEN WHAT I NOW KNOW HAPPENED.

BUT EVEN THOUGH HE LET HIS PASSION FOR MURDER EXPLODE...

HE KNEW THAT RITA AND I FOUND OUT WHO WAS DOING THE KILLING

SO THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HIM TO KILL ONE BY ONE IN ORDER TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE!!

WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!! HE'S GONNA BE AFTER US!!

HURRY!!

!!!

SINCE THE COPS ARE COMING, TONIGHT IS HIS "LAST SUPPER"!

DID YOU SEE THE CORPSES EVERYWHERE? THE KILLER IS OUT AND IS SHOWING NO RESTRAINT!!

RITA... I'M T RED... CAN'T RUN ANYMORE.

SPURT

KYAAAAA!!

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I THOUGHT THAT YOU RAN OFF WITH HER, BUT .

.I'M NOT GONNA BOTHER CHASING HER TOO FAR I NEED TIME TO PREPARE FOR MY ESCAPE

WHERE'D THE JAPANESE ONE GO?

Y-YOU. .

AND YOU, RITA, WELL... I CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO.

ESPECIALLY YOU YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ROBBED ME OF MY ONE, SMALL, SIMPLE PLEASURE.

"

THIS GUY STILL THINKS THAT HE CAN GET AWAY AFTER DOING EVERYTHING HE'S DONE?!

B-BURN IN HELL!

YOU KIDDING, SICKO?!

SM-

SMALL AND SIMPLE?

GLADLY.. AFTER YOU!!

STOP RIGHT THERE, DEAN.

カリッ CLICK

BUT CHOOSING OVID FOR YOUR DECOY WAS A SERIOUS MISTAKE... THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER FORGET THE STENCH OF HIS PITS!!

EVERYONE HERE, WHO WAS AROUND HIM ALL THE TIME, IS USED TO HIS VILE STENCH AND WOULDN'T HAVE SMELLED IT.

YOU FIGURED YOU'D DIVERT ANY ATTENTION AND SUSPICION FROM YOU IF YOU WERE "DEAD."

YOU PREPARED YOUR "CORPSE" AND THEN WENT ON YOUR RAMPAGE.

HA HA.

HAHAHAHA... DO IT. YOU HAVEN'T

...

..

REIKO !!

SHOOT THE BASTARD!!

THUD

...GOT ANY BULLETS ANYWAY!!

DUCK

WHAT THE HELL'S SHE DOING?!

KYAAAAA!! SOMEBODY HELP ME!!

QUIET, BITCH!!

BANG

FREEZE, ASSHOLE !!

WE'VE GOT YOU SURROUND-ED!!

IT'S OVER, DEAN.

AHHHHH!!

NOPE.

IT'S JUST THAT SHOOTING HIM WOULD HAVE BEEN A WASTE OF AMMO.

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY SCREAMING LIKE A HELPLESS VICTIM

...THERE WASN'T ANY REASON FOR YOU TO SHOOT ANYWAY, SINCE THE POLICE WERE CLOSE.

HE SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY BULLETS, BUT...

BESIDES, RITA...

...I'M NOT SURE YOUR SITUATION IS EXACTLY SAFE YET

I'M LEAVING HUNGARY TOMORROW, AND I CAN'T TAKE IT BACK TO JAPAN WITH ME ANYWAY...

THIS BULLET..

...AND THIS GUN... I'M LEAVING THIS SET TO YOU.

I DON'T THINK THAT THE DEAN WAS THE WOLF HERE. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SHEEP

A SCAPEGOAT, A DECOY, AND BAIT

AND SAYING THAT, REIKO LEFT THE SCHOOL TO RETURN HOME.

W-WAIT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

A WOLF MAULED HIS MOTHER TO DEATH RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM.

BUT ACCORDING TO OLD POLICE RECORDS

NO ONE REALIZED THAT THE DEAN WAS A PSYCHOPATH.

I WONDER WHAT PROVIDED HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO START HIS SPREE?

BUT EVEN IF HE GOT HIS KICKS BY DRESSING AS A WOLF AND KILLING PEOPLE...

HIS FEELINGS WHEN HE SAW HIS MOM BEING MAULED WEREN'T OF FEAR, BUT OF EXCITEMENT

EVA..

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT

I KNOW, EVA, ME TOO.

IN THE MEMORY OF ALL HE KILLED. ELIZABETH, GIUDITTA, IBOLYA.

BUT WE HAVE TO GET PAST THIS.

HE WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PERSON TO ME.

THE DEAN...

THE DEAN DIDN'T KILL THEM.

DID YOU KNOW? IBOLYA WAS HIS FIRST VICTIM.

ELIZABETH, LYING DEAD UNDER THAT TREE.

GIUDITTA, FLOATING IN THE LAKE, AND THE FARMERS AND HUNTERS IN THE AREA.

BECAUSE... BECAUSE..

THE DEAN RODE MY COATTAILS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A CIRCUM-STANCE I CREATED.

BUT I, TOO, WAS ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE SITUATION.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER?

WHAT?

GWAR OHHH!!!

...ON THE DEAN!!

I COULD BLAME ALL THE DEATHS...

EVA!?

...YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE THIS.

. THAT SOMEONE HAPPENS TO NOT BE HUMAN..

I MIGHT BE THINKING A LITTLE TOO HARD ABOUT THIS, BUT IF YOU ARE ATTACKED BY SOME-ONE, AND..

GAHHH

THIS GUN HAS...

EVA, STOP RIGHT THERE!!

BLAM

FUFU-

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN KILL A WEREWOLF!!

SILVER BULLETS!!

BEEP

BEEP

AAH, THERE'S NO WAY.

...MAYBE THE OTHER FIVE ARE AROUND SOMEWHERE...

FOR SOME REASON, THERE WAS ONLY ONE BULLET IN IT, SO...

OUR DETECTOR SEEMS TO HAVE PICKED UP FIVE SMALL METALLIC OBJECTS!!

BEEP

MA'AM, WOULD YOU MIND EMPTYING YOUR POCKETS?

THE HAIR-CHECK MASSACRE

I SWEAR I'LL GET IT CUT TOMORROW!

PLEASE, SENSEI, STOP!

NO...

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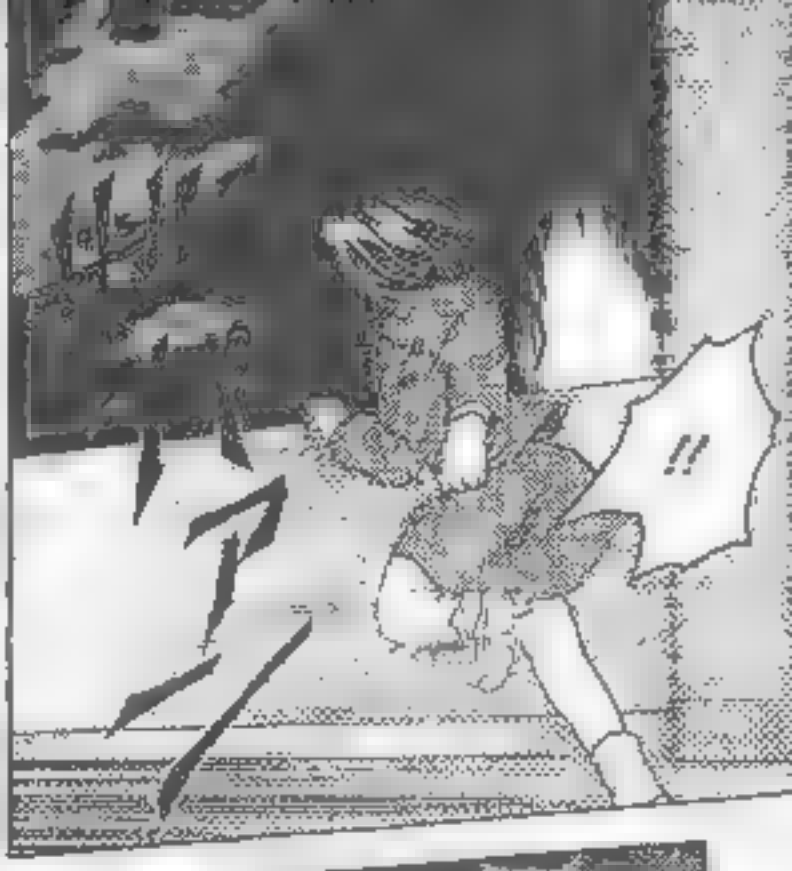
GYAAAAAAAA!!

SLASH

SLASH

PUNCH

WAS THAT SACHIKO!?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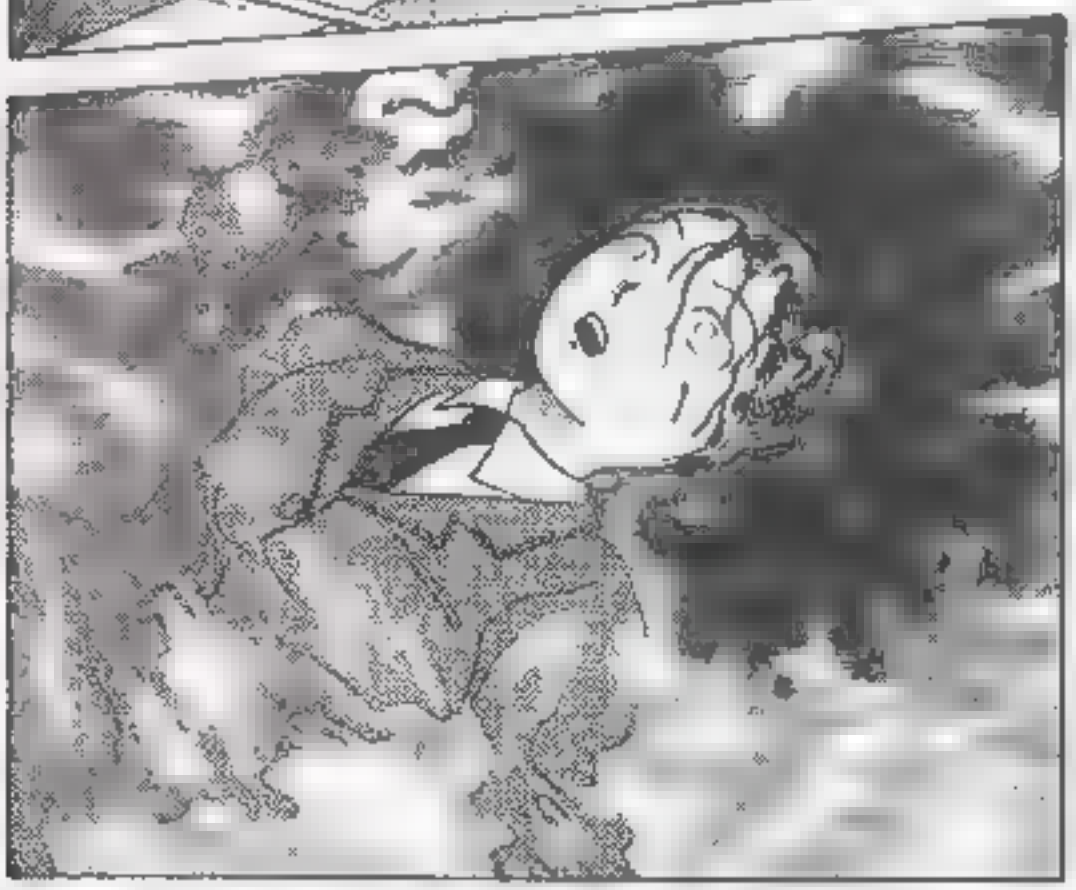

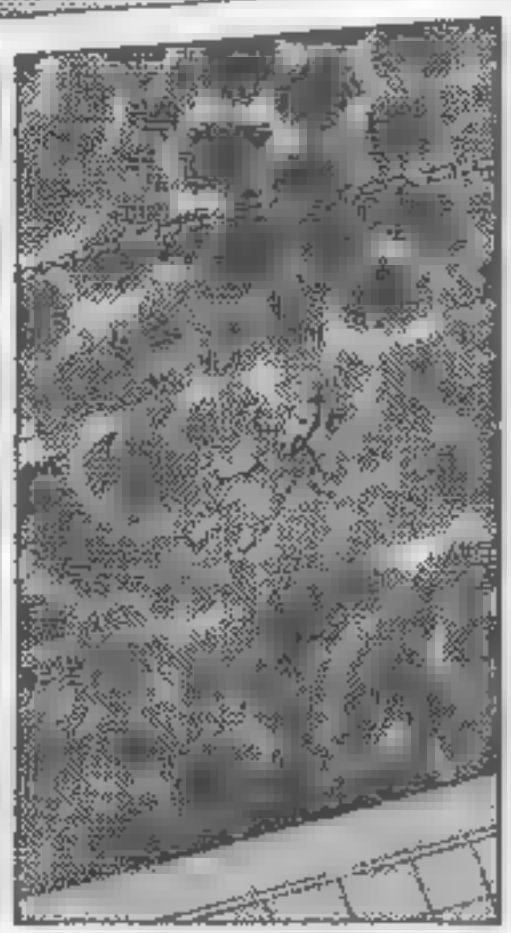

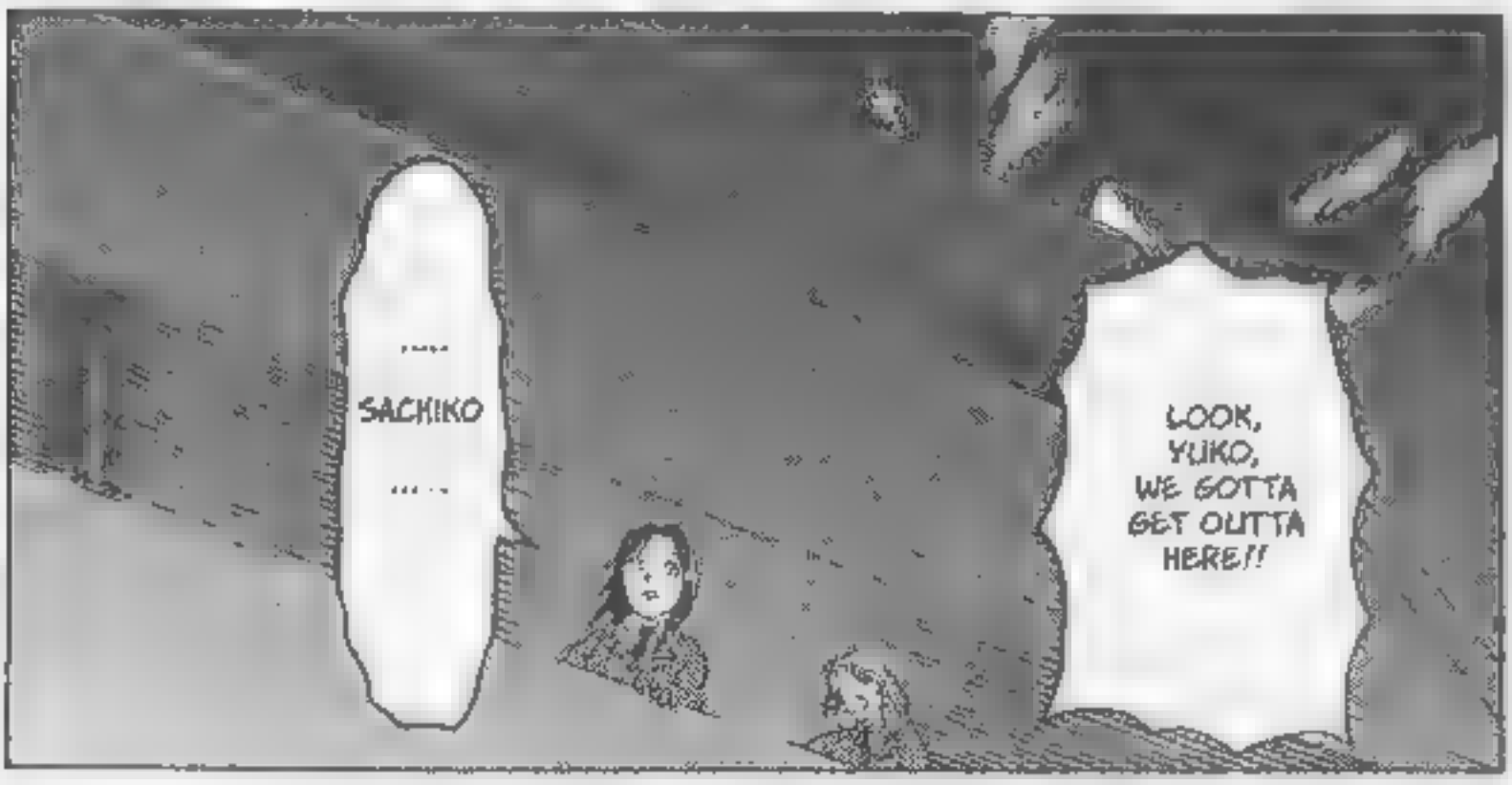
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SACHIKO
.....
LOOK, YUKO, WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!!

FLOP
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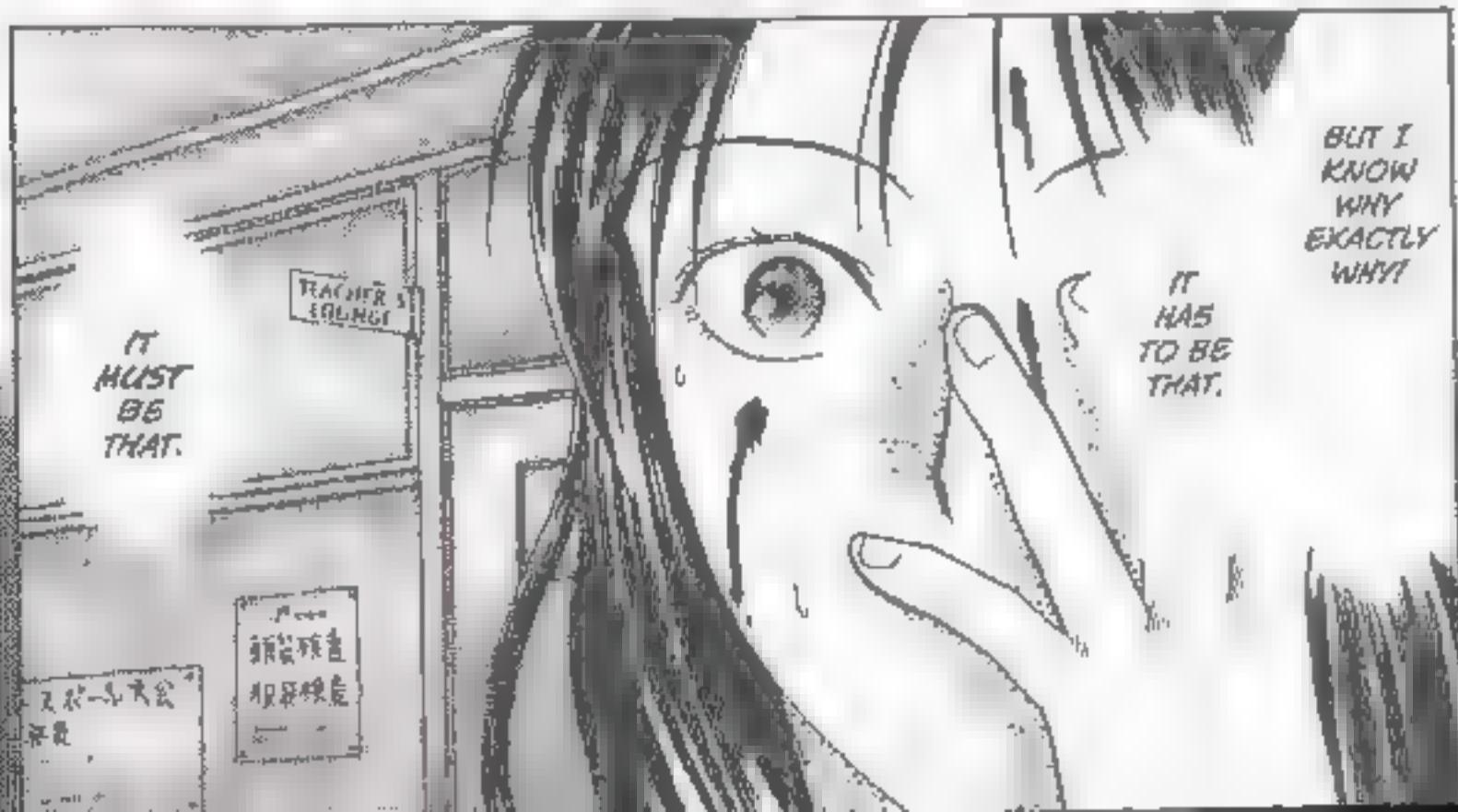
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING TO US...
WH- WHAT THE..
KYAA AAA AIIF


IT MUST BE THAT.
TEACHER'S LOUNGE
BUT I KNOW WHY EXACTLY WHY!
IT HAS TO BE THAT.

SACHIKO KISHI, YOU'RE BREAKING EVERY RULE THERE IS!

YOSHIE YAMABUKI, YOURS IS EIGHT INCHES TOO LONG, AND IT'S BLEACHED!

YUKO AIZAWA, YOUR HAIR IS FOUR INCHES TOO LONG!

DON'T YOU YOUNG LADIES REALIZE THAT YOUR SELFISHNESS IS MAKING EVERYONE AROUND YOU UNCOMFORTABLE!? YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL!

BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY OF YOU HAVE DONE A THING ABOUT IT! EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!

I TOLD YOU LAST WEEK DURING THE HAIR CHECK THAT YOUR HAIR WAS COMPLETELY AGAINST SCHOOL RULES.

HE'S RIGHT! YOU'RE NOT JUST WORKING YOURSELF UP, BUT YOUR BABY, TOO!

DON'T GET SO MAD, MS. KANADA! IT'S BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH!

HUH. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MS. HANADA WAS PREGNANT.

SHE OUGHT TO TAKE SOME MATERNITY LEAVE SOON.

LOOK, I'M NOT KIDDING! IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY, WHY SHOULD THEY?

MS. YAMA-BUKI

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

UH. LIKE, WELL..

I MEAN. YOU ACT LIKE SUCH AN UNSEXED PRUDE AT SCHOOL. BUT.

I GUESS AT HOME, YOU'RE DOIN' THE "DO"!!

CHRIST! I WAS JUST KIDDING!

HOW DARE YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO A TEACHER, YOU SNOTTY BRAT!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR HAIR RIGHT NOW!! THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY PRIVATE LIFE!!

MS. KANADA, CALM DOWN!

OH, NO..

TIP

ATTITUDE?! YOU JUST SAID YOU WERE TALKING 'BOUT OUR HAIR!

KNOW WHAT? I DON'T THINK I LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE!

KYAAAA!!

IT WASN'T ME! I DIDN'T DO IT!

MS. KANADA!

THE THREE OF US WERE HANGING OUT AFTER SCHOOL, TALKING ABOUT WHATEVER ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL, LIKE WE ALWAYS DID.

IT WAS TWO WEEKS SINCE THAT INCIDENT.

HEY... DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY THAT WE'RE HERE THIS LATE?

WHO CARES? WE'RE ALWAYS HERE THIS LATE! IT IS A LITTLE COLD, THOUGH.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT...

YEAH! I HEARD [redacted] SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL TODAY!

SO, D D YOU HEAR THE B.G RUMOR ABOUT MS. HANADA?

MY BABY'S DEAD.

ALL BECAUSE OF MY SCARRED HEAD..

WHICH IS ACTUALLY BECAUSE OF.

AND MY FIANCÉ LEFT ME.

YOSHIE! YOU'RE TOO FAST! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

STOP TALK'N' AND START RUNNING THEN!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

HUH!?

HEY! YOU SEE THAT? SOMETH'NG GLINT

BLUNG

W-WIRE!!

HOW FAR ARE YOU THREE LITTLE SHITS GONNA PUSH ME, HUH!?

KYAAA!!

AH!!

LOOK AT ALL OF YOUR HAIR STREAMING OUT LIKE THAT!! YOU'RE DOING THAT TO SPITE ME, AREN'T YOU? BITCH!

THE THREE OF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE HOT SHIT FOR TRYING TO GROW YOUR HAIR OUT. THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOK'N' HOT BUT LOOK AT ME! YOU DID THIS!

NO. IT WASN'T OUR--

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY HEAD. I'M SERIOUS, BITCH, *LOOK AT IT!* I LOOK LIKE THIS 'CAUSE OF YOU THREE!

SENSEI, NO! PLEASE STOP!!

WHO SAID YOU COULD GROW IT OUT!? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT!?

KYA!!

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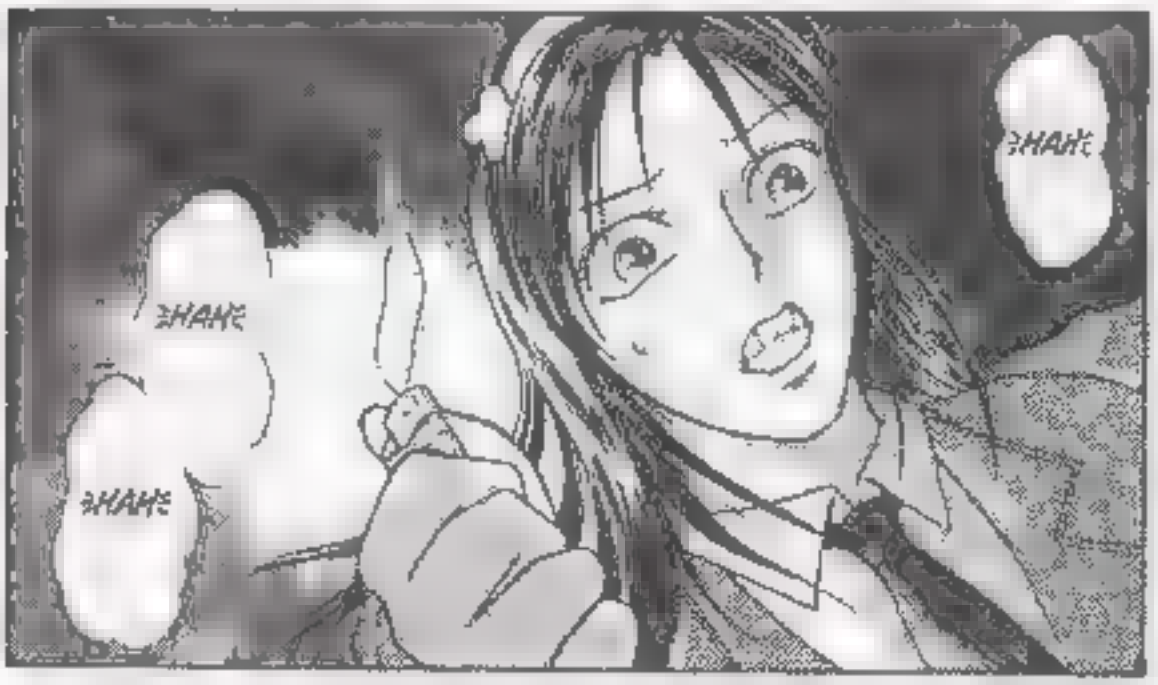
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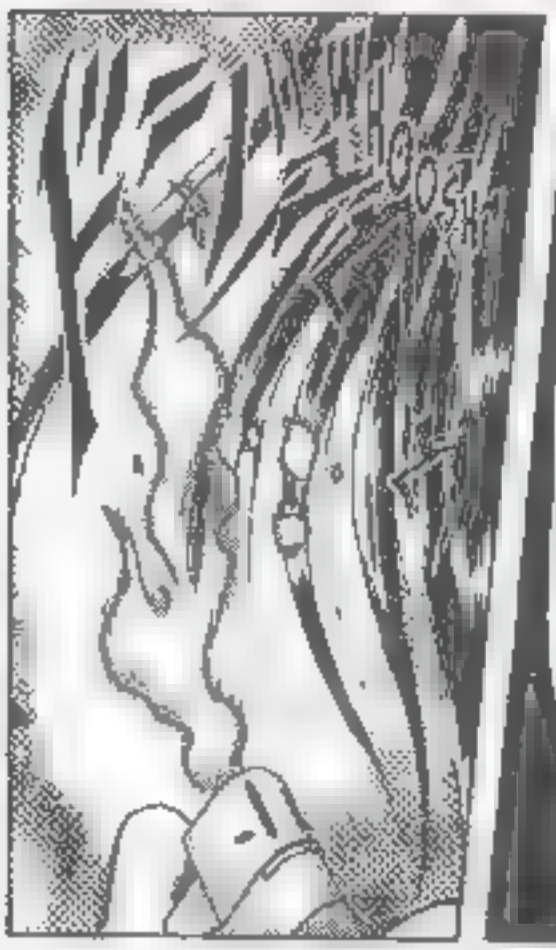
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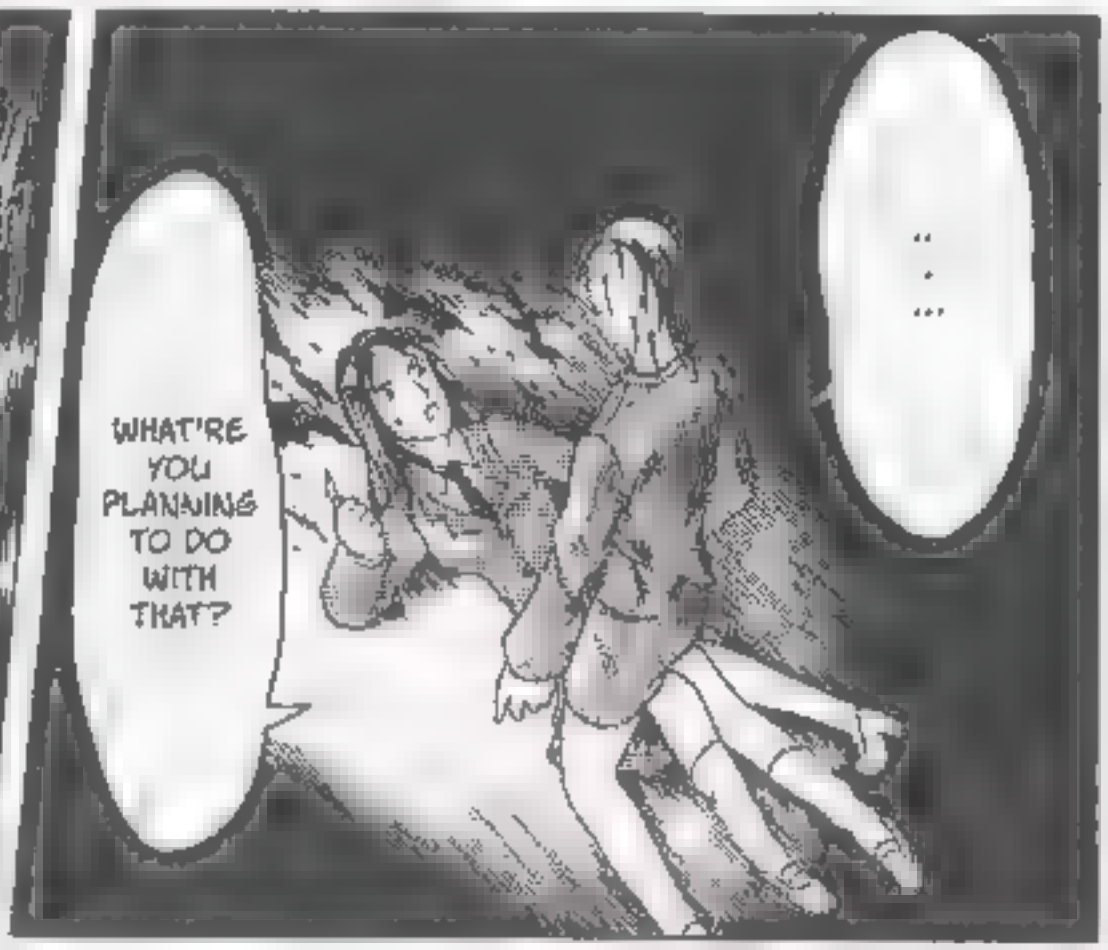
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THAT?
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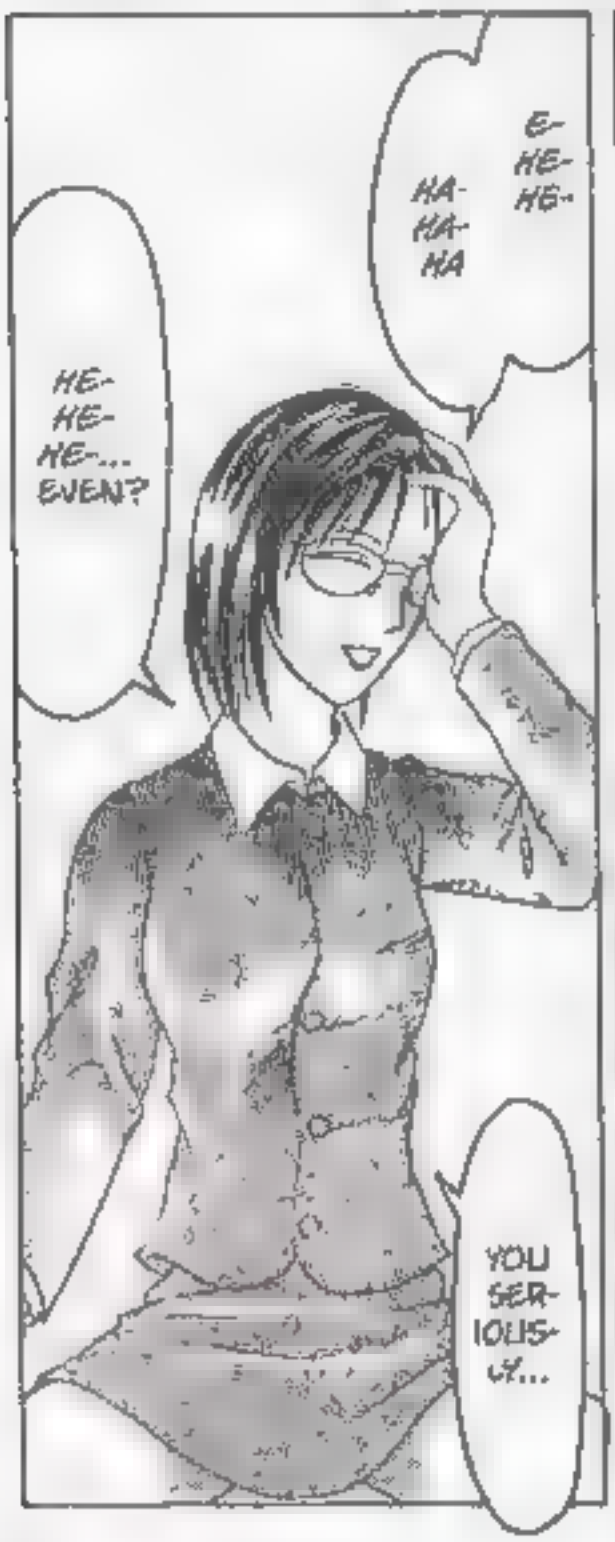
I'LL BURN THE HA R OFF MY HEAD. ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE SKIN SO MY HAIR WILL NEVER GROW AGAIN!
I'M GETTING RID OF MY HAIR!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HA-HA-HA
HE-HE-HE-... EVEN?
YOU SER-IOUS-LY...

IF I DO THAT, WE'RE EVEN!
...

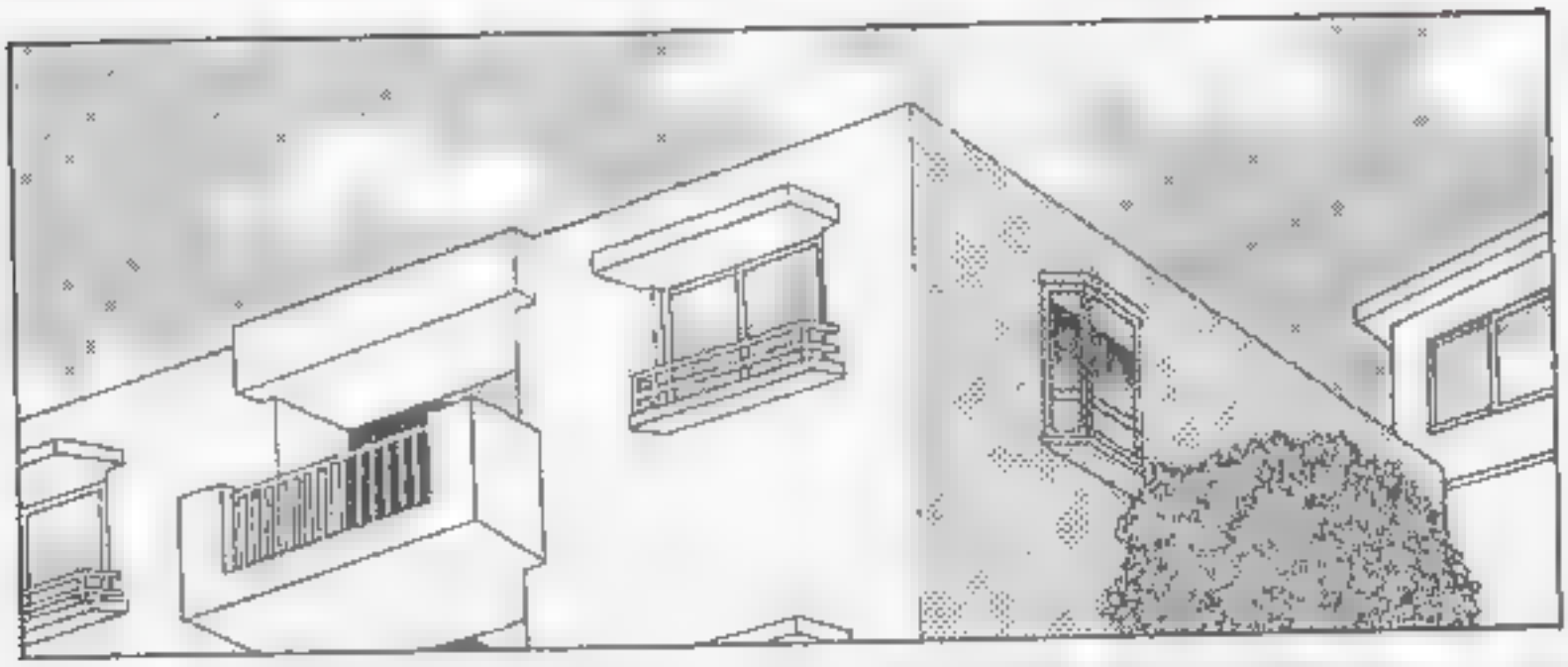
HE-HE

JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU!?!

THUMP

BECAUSE, WELL, YOUR HAIR IS JUST SO BEAUTIFUL!

BURN YOUR HAIR?! I WOULDN'T LET YOU DO THAT TO YOURSELF.



*A "konpa" is a kind of Japanese group date. Generally, a couple or a guy/girl friend combo will call a few of their friends (usually, enough to make a group of eight total, but the number varies) and get together for food. This way, everyone gets to meet a large "selection" of potential dating candidates.

EENY-MEENY-MINEY-MO. WHICH ONE SHALL WE PICK?

YUKO AIZAWA, YOU'RE OUT.. JUST WORE YOURS YESTERDAY

END

ELDER SISTER'S FACE

MY OLDER TWIN SISTER, HOWEVER, WAS BORN WITHOUT A HEAD.

MY SISTER AND I WERE BORN AS TWINS.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS, I HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AS AN ONLY CHILD.

NORIKO! COME ON DOWN FOR DINNER!

WE'RE HAVING ROLLED CABBAGE!

YES, MOM!

NORIKO!

NO, NO, YA GOT IT ALLL WRONG !!

WA HA HA!!

HE'S RIGHT! YOU KNOW THAT SHE NEEDS YOUR HELP TO EAT

DON'T EAT ALL OF IT! PLEASE GIVE SOME TO YOUR SISTER, TOO!

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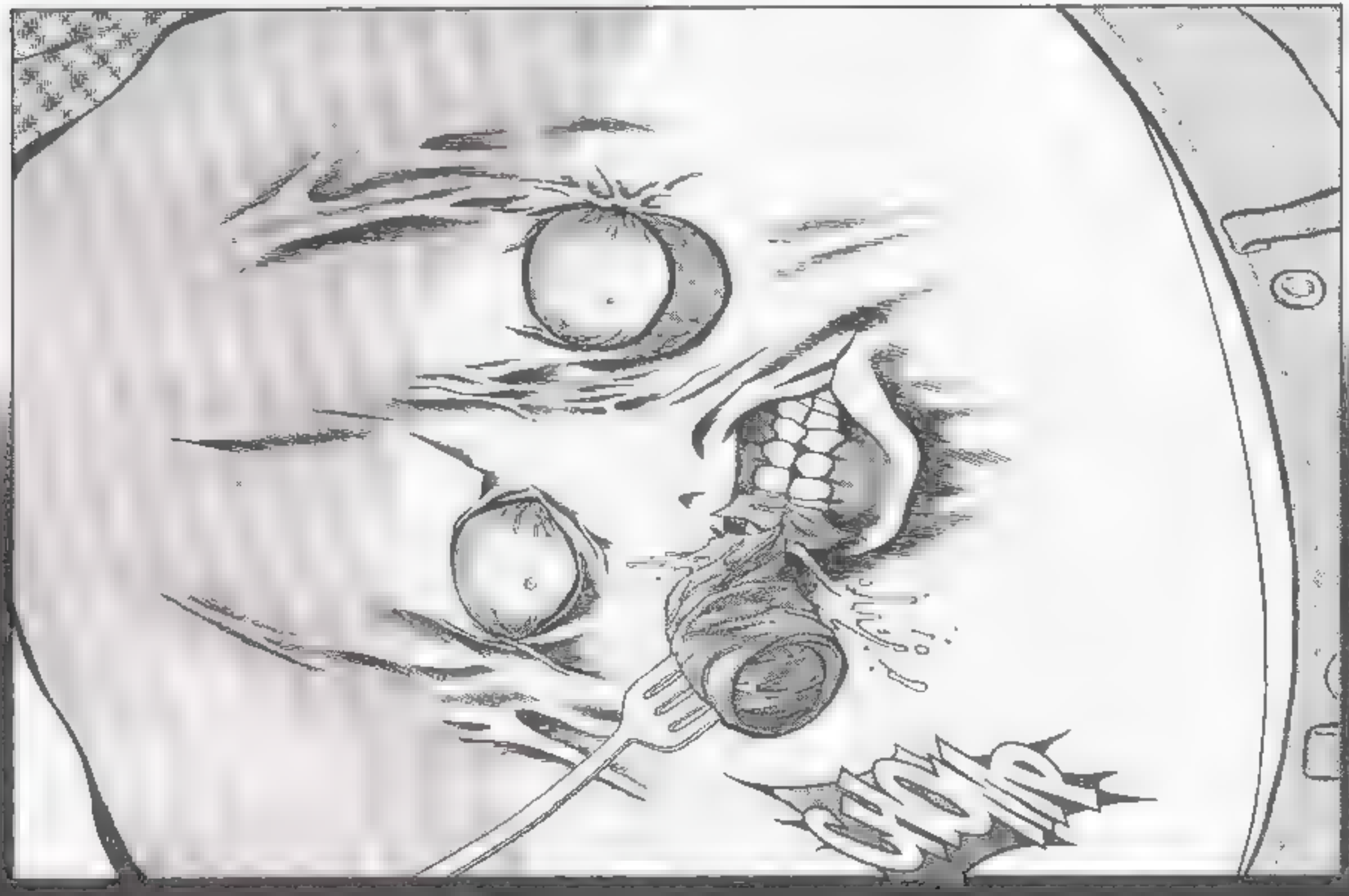
Y-YEAH, I KNOW.



THIS IS MY OLDER TWIN SISTER

GULP

CHOMP

CHOMP

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CHOMP

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I TOLD MY MOM THAT I WANTED TO GET HER FACE SURGICALLY REMOVED, BUT SHE WASN'T VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT, TO SAY THE LEAST...

YOU CAN'T GET "IT" REMOVED! SHE'LL D E!

WHAT DID YOUR SISTER EVER DO TO YOU?! SHE ONLY WANTS SOMETHING TO EAT! YOU AND YOUR SISTER ARE BOTH MY CHILDREN, AND I LOVE YOU BOTH THE SAME!

DEAR, PLEASE CALM DOWN.

AH..
I WANT
A BOYFRIEND.
I WANT ONE,
BUT .

TWIST

HMM...
WELL,
SHE'S
A GIRL,
TOO, SO
MAYBE..

YOU
WANT ME
TO PUT
SOME ON
YOU TOO,
SIS?

GRIN!

?

W-WAIT! MORISAKI-SAN! NORIKO MORISAKI!

DING

DONG

I'M KEIICHI SAWADA, FROM CLASS B...

UM

YEAH?

YOU MIND IF I WALK YOU HOME!?

AKIO
WHAT?

UHM. MORISAKI-SAN, I, UH...
WELL, MY HOUSE IS THIS WAY, SO. I GUESS I'LL SEE YOU LATER.

IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT IS? I HOPE...

AGHHHHHHHHHHHH

GHHHH
GHHHH
GHHH
HHHH
HHHH
GHHHHHHHHHHHH

DASH!

NO.. PLEASE... WAIT!!

I'M SO SORRY FOR TH'S, SAWADA-KUN! I'LL SEE YOU 'ROUND!

I'M SOR--

SHANG

SIS...

SO, YOU CAN TALK, HUH?!

SHANG

...THAT MY OLDER TWIN WAS JEALOUS OF ME.

IT WAS THEN THAT I REALIZED.

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, SIS.

GRAB

I KNOW THAT THIS'LL HURT, BUT..

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? HER FACE MOVED UP UNDER MY BREAST!

NO!!

YEEOOARRRG!!

CHOMP

YEOOOWW!! OW!!

NORIKO!?

PLOP

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

N-MOM! MY FINGER! MY FINGER!

NORIKO! WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?!

MOM! THIS IS NOT MY SISTER! SHE'S A TOTAL MONSTER! A FREAK!!

NORIKO...

HA HA HA HA HA HA

MOM! PLEASE! I BEG YOU. . LET ME GET THIS REMOVED!

HA

MA'AM, WE HAVE FINISHED THE PROCEDURE.

ALTHOUGH WE'RE NOT VERY VERSED IN THE REMOVAL OF FACIALLY SHAPED EXTERNAL CYSTS OR CARBUNCLES...

.. WE DID WANT TO REMOVE THE ANOMALY BEFORE IT COULD DO DAMAGE TO YOUR DAUGHTER, BUT...

FAI--

WELL, WE FAILED.

LOOK, DOCTOR. CAN YOU JUST GIVE IT TO ME POINT-BLANK?

EVERY TIME I TRIED TO MAKE AN INCISION, I WAS BITTEN EXTREMELY HARD.

THE REASON IT'S ABLE TO MOVE AROUND ?

I TRULY APOLOGIZE, BUT AT THE CURRENT JUNCTURE, WE'RE NOT REALLY SURE..

...

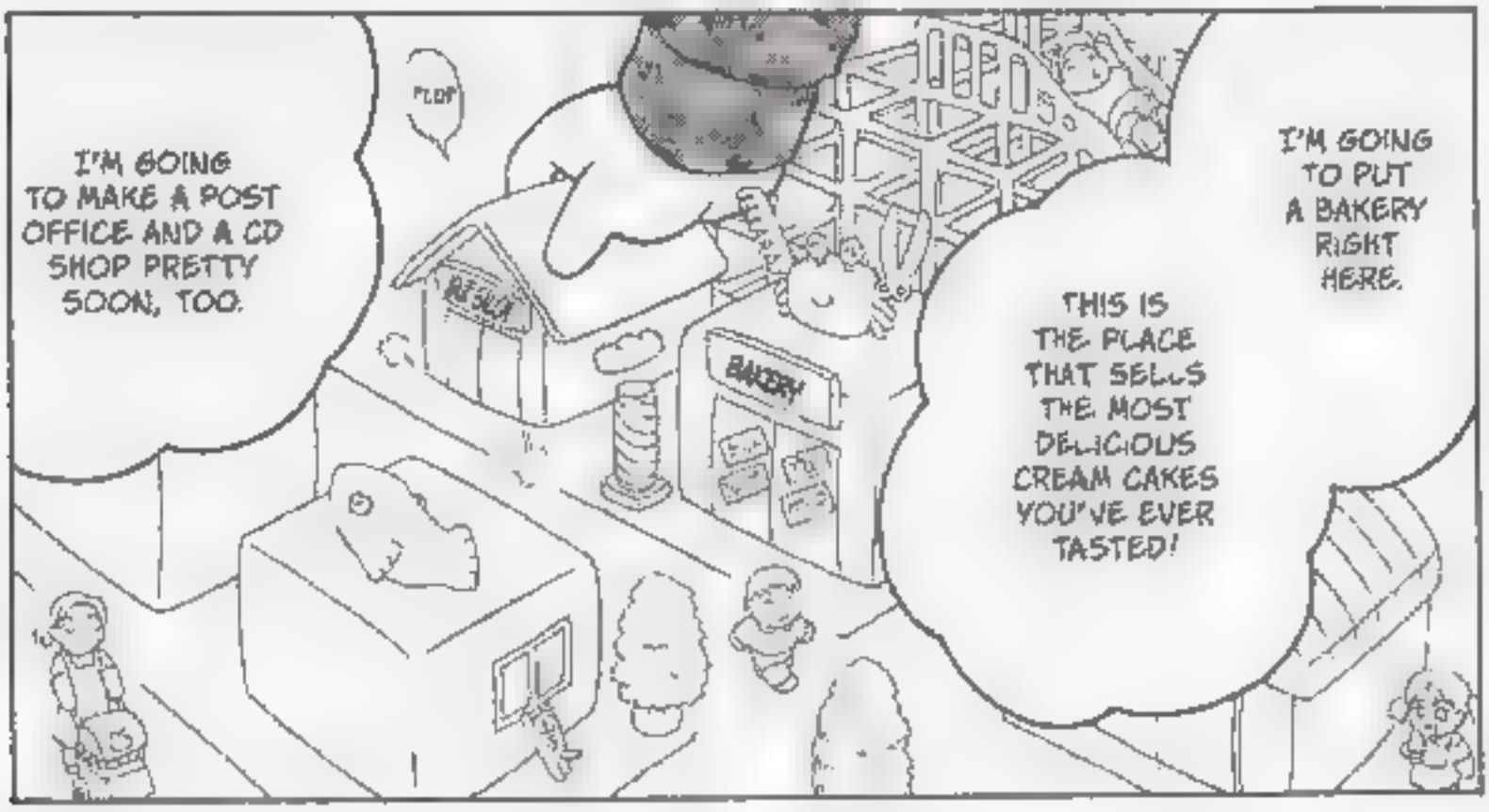
CAN YOU TELL ME THE REASON IT'S ABLE TO MOVE AROUND ALL OVER MY DAUGHTER'S SKIN?

W-WELL...

NEED YOU EVEN ASK?!

GOD TOWN

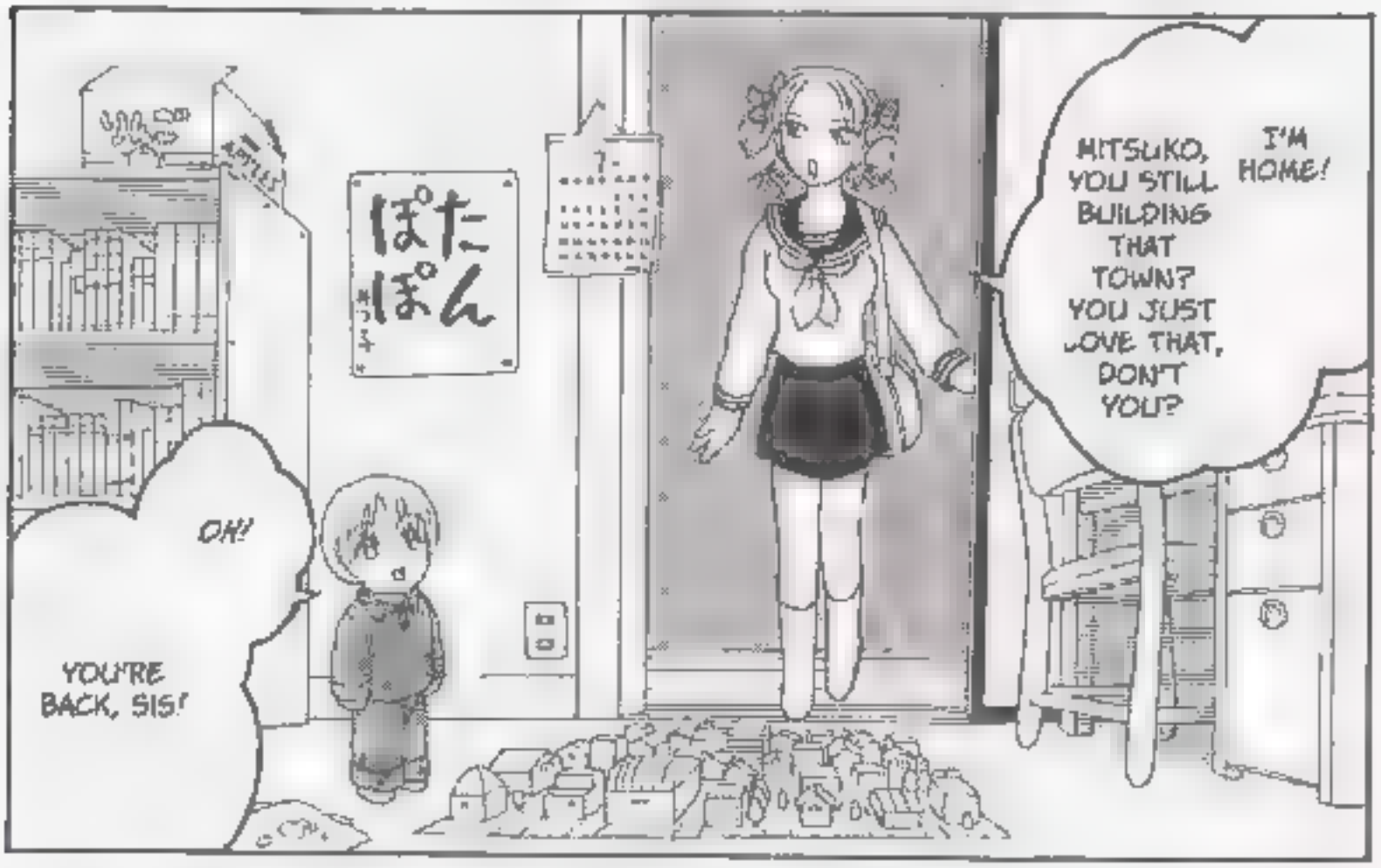
STATIONERY


I'M GOING TO MAKE A POST OFFICE AND A CD SHOP PRETTY SOON, TOO.
PLOP
BAKERY
THIS IS THE PLACE THAT SELLS THE MOST DELICIOUS CREAM CAKES YOU'VE EVER TASTED!
I'M GOING TO PUT A BAKERY RIGHT HERE.

...AND ONE HERE!

I'LL PUT ONE HERE...

HMM.. WHERE WOULD THEY LOOK GOOD?
WHERE SHOULD I PUT THE FIGURES I MADE TODAY...?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OH!
YOU'RE BACK, SIS!
I'M HOME!
MITSUKO, YOU STILL BUILDING THAT TOWN? YOU JUST LOVE THAT, DON'T YOU?

WHAT A LIFE! SHE GETS TO STAY INSIDE ALL DAY JUST PLAYING.
EVEN IF SHE DOES GET SICK EASILY AND CAN'T GO OUTSIDE, IT'S STILL THE LIFE...

O-OKAY!
MITSUKO, I FEEL BAD ABOUT ASKING, BUT..
WOULD YOU MIND CLEANING UP FOR ME? I REALLY HAVE TO START STUDYING FOR MY EXAMS.

COME TO THINK OF IT... DID THAT BAKERY OPEN TODAY? I BOUGHT A CREAM CAKE THERE, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING IT BEFORE...

BAKERY

OPEN TODAY ***** STRAWBERRY 150

I HAVE TO MAKE A TRIP TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWN JUST TO BUY A CD!

I CAN'T WAIT TO GO TO HIGH SCHOOL IN TOKYO! FINDING A TOWN TO LIVE IN THAT SUCKS AS BAD AS OURS WOULD BE A CHORE.

MUSUMU

HANAKO

THIS ONE IS A THIEF! HE ROBS FROM THE RICH AND GIVES TO THE POOR.

THE ONE HOLDING THE WATER PAIL WORKS IN THE FLOWER FIELDS AND TAKES CARE OF THE FLOWERS.

SIS, LOOK! LOOK! I MADE THESE TWO NEW ONES TODAY!

THEY LOOK GOOD, KUH? THEY'RE GOING TO ADD SOME EXCITEMENT TO THE TOWN.

YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?

BUT THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR ME TO DO...

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP PLAYING OUT THESE FAIRY-TALE FANTASIES. YOU'RE TOO OLD, ALREADY!

IN FACT, IT EMBARRASSES ME SO MUCH IT'S HARD FOR ME TO INVITE FRIENDS OVER.

MITSUKO, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT SOME BIG EXPECTATIONS FOR THE WORLD OUTSIDE, BUT...

THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE ARE SOME REALLY, REALLY BAD PEOPLE OUT THERE! YOUR FIGURES ARE SO FAKE AND UNREALISTIC.

WOW.. REALLY?

I TH NK THE LITTLE FIGURES YOU MAKE ARE ALL THE SAME.

EVERYONE'S LAUGHING, AND THE TOWN IS JUST FULL OF GOOD PEOPLE. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT'S REALLY OUT THERE, MITSUKO.

WOW! ARE YOU MAKING ME SOMETHING?

LET ME JUST TRY THIS OUT

DID YOU MAKE THEM OUT OF THIS?

YEAH..

HE'S A MURDER-ER.

THE PEOPLE OF YOUR TOWN ARE ABOUT TO MEET THEIR FIRST SERIAL KILLER.

WELL, HE'S GOT A KITCHEN KNIFE...

OKAY, SO WHO DO YOU THINK TH:S ONE IS?

OKAY, HE DOES, BUT WHAT DOES HE DO?

I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THIS YET, BUT THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE IN EVERY TOWN.

TWEAKERS, GANGSTERS, ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, HORROR MANGA ARTISTS. EVERY DIFFERENT KIND OF PERSON YOU COULD IMAGINE.

LISTEN, MITSUKO. .

NO! NO! PLEASE STOP!!

STOP!

I KNOW THAT IT'S NOT ALWAYS A GOOD THING THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE THERE, BUT THAT'S HOW REAL LIFE IS! THOSE ARE THE BREAKS.

THIS IS MEAN, BUT JUST TOO MUCH FUN...

SO IT'S NOT UNNATURAL TO THROW A SERIAL KILLER INTO THE MIX, MITSUKO.

ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE ARE WHAT TRULY MAKES A TOWN.

STOP IT! STOP IT! I DON'T WANT THIS KIND OF GUY IN TOWN!

WELL, I MADE THIS ONE. IF YOU BREAK IT, I'M GOING TO BE REALLY MAD AT YOU.

THERE WE GO! LOOK AT THE REALISM I CREATED JUST BY ADDING THIS ONE FIGURE!!

MITSUKO, WHAT ARE YOU SO SCARED OF? IT'S JUST A FIGURINE!

I DON'T WANT THAT SCARY ONE IN MY TOWN! PLEASE GET RID OF IT, SIS!

DING-DONG

MOM'S BACK, AND I'M TELLING ON YOU!

AH, C'MON MITSUKO... CALM DOWN!

DING-DONG

DING-DONG

DING-DONG

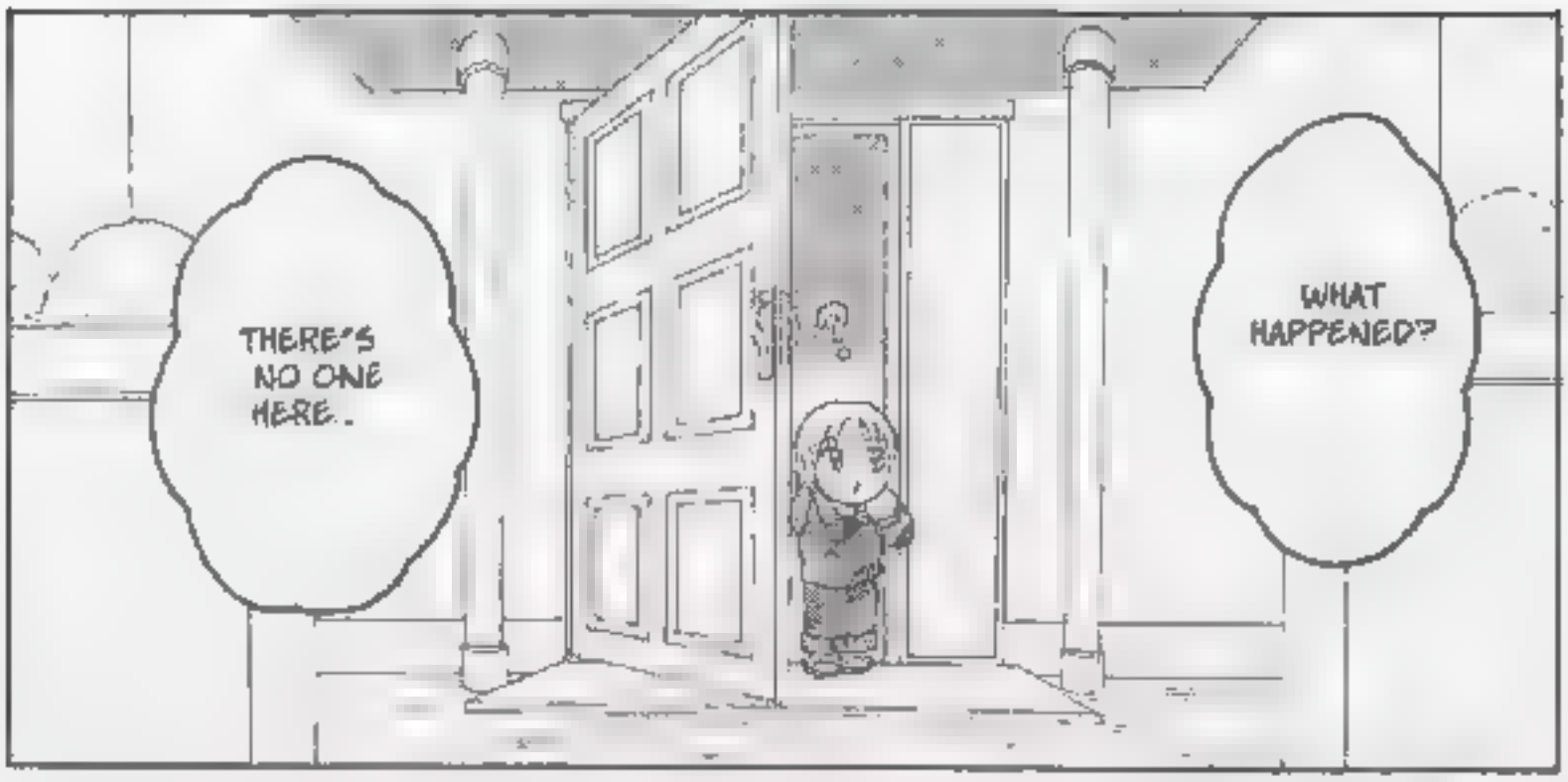
DING-DONG

MOMMY?

SHREEAK

HUH?

WHOOSH!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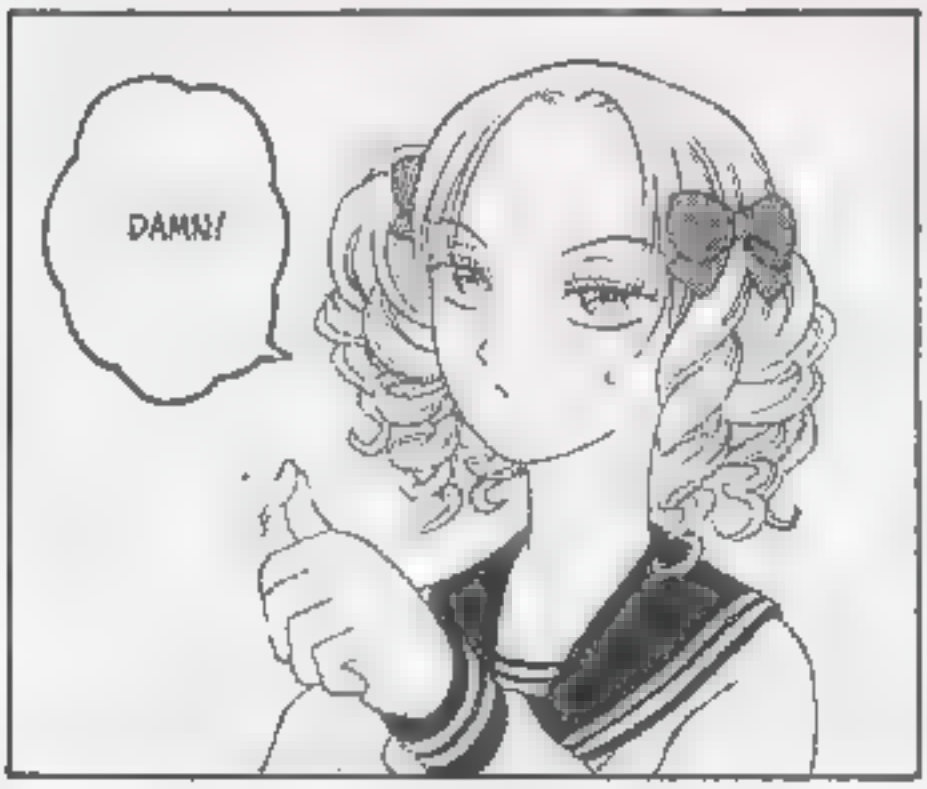
WHAT HAPPENED?


DAMN!

SNORE
SNORE

CREAM CAKE, YOUR FAVORITE!
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, I BROUGHT BACK SOME CREAM CAKE FOR YOU!
LOOK MITSUKO, COME BACK HERE. I WAS MEAN TO YOU. IT WAS MY FAULT

END

Reiko

the ZOMBIE SHOP GALLERY

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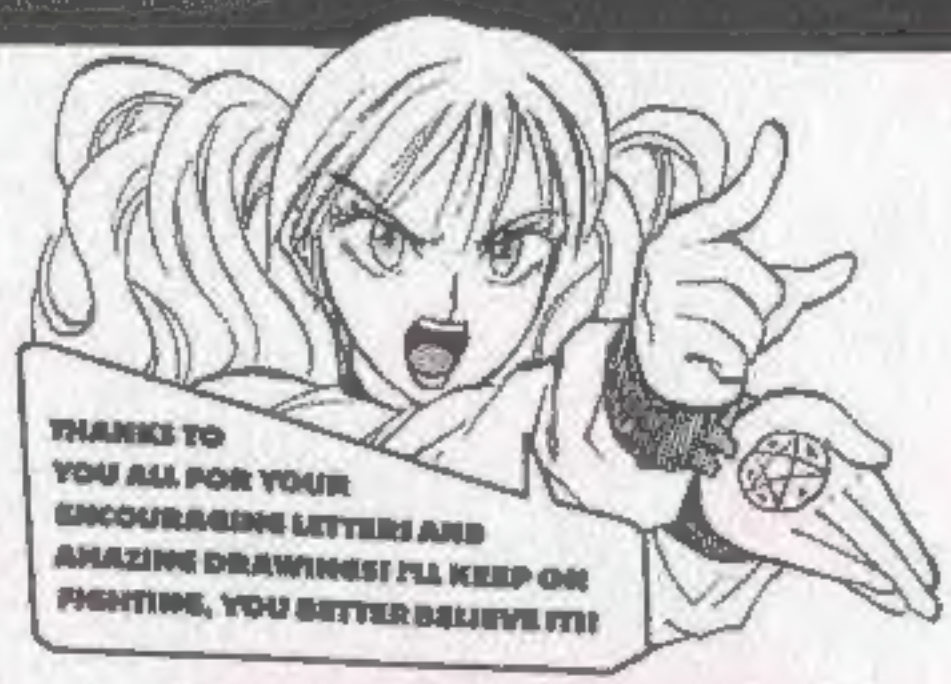
OSAKA
THE GOOD AND THE BAD—
REIKO AND RIRUKA!!



HAYUKO • AGE 13
KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE
YOU PORTRAYED RIRUKA'S SNOBBINESS PERFECTLY.

MAYA IZUMI • AGE ?
SAITAMA PREFECTURE
AN ILLO OF REIKO FROM HER TRIP
TO HUNGARY. VERY NICE DEPICTION
OF HER ROLLED LOCKS!!

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This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!

BORN ON OCTOBER 31ST, IN HIROSHIMA.

REI MIKAMOTO

THIS TIME, I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU THE COMPLETED THIRD BOOK. ONE OF THE STORIES IN THIS BOOK, "THE HAIR-CHECK MASSACRE," WAS SOMETHING I WROTE BACK WHEN I WAS TWENTY-TWO AND WORKING A DAY JOB. EVERYDAY I'D COME HOME AND DO IT BIT BY BIT. MAN, THOSE WERE SOME TOUGH TIMES (BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT I'M JUST ON CRUISE CONTROL NOW).

REIKO AND RIRUKA, TWIN SISTERS, ARE LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT!! TERRIFYING NONSTOP RIP-AND-SLASH BRUTALITY IN THE THIRD INSTALLMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!! HORROR IS SERVED UP WITH UNEQUALED